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THE POPULAR VOTE

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New York, Dec. 16.—The canvass of the vote of New York state practically completes the official vote by states and makes it possible for the first time to tabulate the popular vote for president. With the exception of Utah and South Dakota, where the courts have ordered the revision of the completed returns, the final official vote of all states has been collected by the United Associated Presses. In Texas the state canvassing board declared the vote without waiting for the returns from six small counties. These have been estimated and added to the result in that state. The total vote cast was 13,924,633. This was 1,813,124 more than the total vote of 1892. McKinley received 7,109,480 and Bryan 6,508,681, a plurality for McKinley of 600,799. The vote for Bryan and Sewall and that for Bryan and Watson are combined in the total vote given for Bryan. Only twelve states reported a separate vote for Bryan and Watson. His aggregate vote was 46,879. The democratic vote for Palmer and Buckner was 132,056. The prohibition vote for Levering was 127,174. The national or free silver prohibitionists cast 13,320 votes for Bentley. Matchett, the candidate of the socialist labor party, received 33,942.

RICE THE LION OF THE HOUR.

A Grand Ovation Tendered the Bicycle Rider at Wilkesbarre.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 26.—Joe Rice, the American champion six day bicycle rider, his trainers, Messrs. Campbell and Keller, and his backer, William Rutledge, arrived home over the Lehigh Valley railroad last night at 9 o'clock. A demonstration was tendered the plucky little "brownie" that he will never forget. At the depot a crowd estimated at 8,000 people were packed in a compact mass, and a parade was formed headed by the Ninth regiment band and composed of all the wheel clubs and several societies of this city. The procession marched to the Grand Opera house through streets crowded with people and aglow with fireworks and red fire. Rice was seated in a barouche drawn by four white horses and was tendered a constant ovation. At the Grand Opera house a mass meeting was held which was addressed by the mayor and other prominent citizens. Rice also made a short speech. The city is Rice-crazy and a handsome purse is being raised for the plucky rider which will be tendered to him on Christmas morning. It will not run short of $1,000.

Republican Clubs Inaugural Committee.

Cincinnati, Dec 16—Hon. D D. Woodmansee, president of the national republican league, has appointed the inauguration committee for the league, and he announces the same as follows: Gen. E. A. McAlpin, New York; Major Everett, Warren, Pa; Judge C. A. Raymond, Illinois; Hon. Frank J. Higgins, New Jersey; Thomas F. Barrett, West Virginia; E. J. Miller, Ohio, and Dr. W. L. Booze, Maryland. President Woodmansee has called a meeting of this committee at the Ebbitt house, Washington, for Friday of this week to perfect plans for the part to be taken by the league at the inauguration of President-elect McKinley.

Check Forger Sentenced.

Boston, Dec. 16.—Before Judge Bond yesterday check forger Eugene F. Parker came up for sentence and was sent to state prison for not more than ten years or less than nine years. Parker says he came from Albany. He was arrested here on Nov. 7, after having successfully passed several forged checks on some of the most prominent clothing dealers in the city.

Pardon for a Murderess.

Trenton, Dec. 16.—The court of pardons has pardoned Emma Woods, a Newark woman, who shot and killed Lewis Brown, her common-law husband, and was sentenced in November, 1893, to seven years in state prison. There were numerous extenuating circumstances in the case, and many Newark men, including the county officials, sent in a petition for release.

Colors for the Marblehead.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The navy department is advised that a committee of selectmen from Marblehead, Mass., will visit the Brooklyn navy yard this afternoon to present to the cruiser Marblehead a set of colors.

Union Pacific Earnings.

Boston, Dec. 16.—The Union Pacific statement for October shows an in

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

Report on Our Trade by the Chief of Bureau of Statistics.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The chief of the bureau of statistics reports that the total values of the exports of merchandise from the United States during the month of November, 1896, and during the eleven months ending November 30, 1896, as compared with similar exports during the corresponding periods of the preceding year were as follows: November, 1896, $109,091,937; 1895, $87,312,581. Eleven months ended November 30, 1896, $888,680,369; 1895, $739,468,300. In November, 1896, the exports exceeded the imports by $59,053,885. In November 1895, the excess of exports over imports was $23,967,764. During the eleven months ended November 30 1896, the excess of exports over imports was $266,086,709, and the excess of exports over imports for the corresponding period of the preceding year was $7,137,281. In November, 1896, the imports of gold exceeded the exports $6,924,148, and during the eleven months ended November 30, 1896, the excess of imports over exports was $43,860,498. The excess of exports of silver over imports during the eleven months ended November 30, 1896, was $44,935,015.

Death of D. L. Barnes.

New York, Dec. 16.—David Leonard Barnes, consulting engineer, who died in New York yesterday, had become well-known to the public within the last year as consulting engineer to the Baldwin-Westinghouse combination for builing electric locomotives. He was a locomotive expert of unusual distinction. Mr. Barnes was born near Providence, R. I., Aug. 23, 1858, and was educated at Brown university and the Massachusetts institute of Technology, and received the degree of Master of Arts from Brown university.

Death of Dr. J. McG. Bunn.

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 16.—Dr. James McGirk Bunn, one of the oldest and most prominent physicians in this section of the state, is dead at his home in this city. He was born at Shippensburg, Pa., January 31, 1827, and graduated from Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia, when 21 years of age. In 1871 he studied the eclectic system of medicine, and for years had been president of the National Eclectic Biological society of New York city. He was a prominent secret society man.

Fewer Banks in Boston.

Boston, Dec. 16.—It is reported that it has been decided that there will be fewer banks in Boston, and that those which go out of business will do so by the usual process of liquidation, with one important possible reservation. It is probable that six or eight banks will be dropped and that one large institution will be established in their stead.

Confirmed by the Senate.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The senate has confirmed the following nominations. Charles C. Nott of New York to be chief justice of the court of claims. United States district judges—Arthur L. Brown, district of Rhode Island; Andrew Kirkpatrick, district of New Jersey Hiram P. MacIntosh, collector of customs at Newburyport, Mass.

Confronted by Five Wives.

New York, Dec 16.—Clarence Foster was arraigned yesterday afternoon in the court of general sessions on the charge of bigamy He pleaded not guilty, but changed his mind, as a jury was about to be empaneled, because he discovered five of his former wives in the courtroom.

$22,000 Fire at Kingston.

Kingston, N Y, Dec 16.—A fire which started yesterday afternoon in the dry-goods store of Ronald, Converse & Maynard on Wall street destroyed the building and stock and gutted the building adjoning. The loss is about $22,000.

Fourth-class Postmasters.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The following fourth-class postmasters have just been appointed: Maine—D. E. Jackson, Green Corner. New Hampshire—J. W. Condon, Berlin Mills. Pennsylvania—J. W. Kisecker, Kauffman.

New Canadian Loan.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 16.—An evening paper says it is regarded as altogether likely that within the next few months the government will float a new loan of $10,000,000 on the English market.

Charged with Various Crimes.

Boston, Dec. 16.—John F. McKay, a lawyer, has been held in $6,000 for the grand jury. He is charged with the embezzlemen $3,000, the larceny of a $1,000 mortgage note, the uttering of a forged endorsement, and the uttering of a false certification to a deed of the register of deeds of Plymouth county.

Clawson Not To Hang To-day.

Somerville, N. J., Dec. 16.—Elmer Clawson will not be hanged to-day for the murder of Harry Hogetts. Sheriff Wyckoff has received an order from Chancellor McGill to stay the execution for an indefinite period. The case is now pending before the court of errors and appeals.

SENATE AND HOUSE

The Important Business Now Engaging Attention of Congress.

RADICAL EFFORTS TO AID CUBANS

Not Thought Probable That Any of the Extreme Measures Will Be Passed —Loud's Postal Bill in the House.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Although much of yesterday's session of the senate was devoted to Cuban affairs, several more speeches on the same subject are expected to-day, but it is not thought probable that any of the more radical resolutions will be passed. Senator Morgan, dem., Ala., occupied more than an hour in the senate in presenting arguments to show why the United States should at once intervene to put an end to the war in Cuba. He declared that the people and the fruits of the island were made the prey of commissioned guerillas who had become robbers, cut throats, assassins and pirates, and he said that if the United States were to intervene at all he would prefer open war and would vote it. At its conclusion the resolution offered by him requesting the president to communicate papers relating to the condition of affairs in Cuba was agreed to. A resolution for an inquiry into the alleged corrupt use of money in the late presidential election was offered by Mr. Allen, pop., Neb., and was, under the rule, referred to the committee on contingent expenses. It provides for a committee of nine senators, with instructions to inquire to what extent money was used in promoting the nominations or in influencing the choice of presidential electors; what contributions were made by the owners of silver mines and gold mines, by bankers, manufacturers, railroad and other corporations and millionaires; and by companies and persons residing abroad. The committee is to act by sub-committees and to sit during the present session and until the first Monday in December, 1897. The pension bill of Nancy G. Allabach, passed and vetoed last session, was taken up and was passed, notwithstanding the president's objections—41 to 11

House of Representatives.

The house rather unexpectedly entered upon the consideration of the bill of Mr. Loud, rep., Cal., to amend the postal law relating to second-class mail matter, and it is still the unfinished business. It was not taken up without opposition, however, several members endeavoring to postpone action, but by decisive votes the house rejected all efforts to delay the proceedings, and Mr. Loud opened the debate. He characterized the bill as the most important measure that would come before congress at this session—one whose disposition might involve the question of an issue of bonds by the new administration By the shutting out from the mails, as the bill provided, of serial novel publications and "sample copy" newspapers, the government would save from $20,000,000 to $40,000,000 a year and make the postal service not only self-sustaining, but, on the basis of present operations, a source of profit. Most of the session was occupied in considering the senate bill to permit the purchasers of the Atlantic & Pacific railroad to form a new corporation, with the rights, privileges and obligations of the old one. It was amended in several particulars and passed.

Gov. Black's Inauguration.

Albany, Dec. 16.—Secretary of State Palmer has completed the arrangements for the inauguration of Gov. Black, which is to take place in the assembly chamber of the capitol The Tenth battalion will meet the three separate companies of Troy at the station and will then march to the executive mansion and escort the governor to the capitol. This is all the parading that will be provided for.

Senator Allison's Condition.

Dubuque, Ia., Dec. 16.—Senator Allison is still too sick to be interviewed. His illness has been far more serious than has been generally known. He is not yet able to sit up, except for a short time. The report that he was offered the state secretaryship is denied by his intimate friends. It will be some time before the senator will be able to occupy his seat in the senate.

Franklin Pierce Statue.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 16.—The Franklin Pierce statue commission, Gov. Mosiel presiding, voted yesterday afternoon that none of the models submitted are satisfactory and a recess was taken until the last week in January, to permit of the submission of other sketches.

Minister Willis Recovering.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Albert S. Willis, United States minister at Honolulu, who has been ill with malarial fever, is reported to be rapidly recovering.

Adjournment of Congress.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The senate has agreed to the house resolution to adjourn from Dec. 22 until Jan. 5.

DENIAL BY TETUAN

Spanish Foreign Minister Says Maceo Was Not Assassinated.

WAS KILLED IN LOYAL BATTLE

The Alleged Letter of Young Gomez Pointed to as Proof---Assassination Story Said To Have Started in Florida.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The Spanish legation here furnishes the following translation of a cablegram received last night from Madrid signed by the Duke of Tetuan: "Maceo's death took place in loyal fight at Punta Brava and was caused by our soldiers' bullets. This is evidently proved by the letter written by the son of Maximo Gomez, in which he states that he killed himself in order not to abandon the body of his general. The handwriting of the letter has been verified and also every detail of the fight, time and circumstances when Maceo and the son of Gomez were wounded. All these details have been published in Europe by telegrams from both Spanish and foreign correspondents." The legation attaches to the cablegram a note saying that the Spanish legation at Washington "hopes to discover the origin of the report of Maceo's assassination and to trace it to a certain Cuban resident in Jacksonville." The note further says that the presence in Jacksonville of several newspaper correspondents at the time of the reported assassination of Maceo "explains the wide circulation of the slander."

Friends of Cubans' Call.

New York, Dec. 16.—The organization known as the Friends of Cuba has issued the following call: "To the the American Public—Fellow-citizens, we are informed through the columns of the daily press that Spain has added another to the long list of outrages committed by her. Failing in her efforts to suppress the people of Cuba in their struggle for liberty by the ordinary methods employed by civilized nations in warfare, she must needs resort to treachery and bribery to accomplish by trick and stealth what her impotent army and incompetent generals failed to accomplish by arms. We call your attention to the dastardly murder of that gallant leader of the Cuban people, Gen. Maceo, inveigled into amush under the flag of truce and there with his companions foully murdered. That is the latest accomplishment of Spain. Can we, as citizens of the United States, stand by and let this crime pass by unnoticed? Shall we let the ghoulish glee of the Spanish people at their own infamy go unrebuked? Or shall we act in accord with traditions of our country and extend a helping hand to the struggling Cubans? What we should do at once is to petition congress to act. Every citizen should forward his earnest protest against such outrages as have been committed there by Spain, as well as to show congress that the people of this country are ready to uphold them in any action they may take. The American friends of Cuba appeal to you in this matter and urge every citizen to do his duty and join with us in our petition to congress that these atrocities may cease at once."

New York Aldermen Appeal for Cubans.

New York, Dec. 16—The following petition has been signed by the members of the board of aldermen: "To the congress of the United States—We, the undersigned citizens of the United States, most respectfully petition your honorable body to use your influence to stop the barbarities and inhumanities now being practiced upon the people of Cuba by the monarchy of Spain. The civilized world stands aghast at the atrocities committed there under the guise of law, many of which were committed upon citizens of this country, and therefore call for intervention on its part, and do respectfully pray that the congress of the United States take cognizance of the fact that that war is now being waged in Cuba, that the people thereof may enjoy political freedom, and that the people of Cuba in their efforts for success have the sympathy and best wishes of the people of the United States."

Umbrella Manufacturers Fail.

Philadelphia, Dec. 16—Abe Hirch & Co., umbrella manufacturers, have been forced to close their doors upon an execution of a judgment note for $45,436.25. One of the attorneys says the liabilities will reach $100,000.

Erie Canal Contract Awarded.

Albany, Dec. 16—Superintendent of Public Works Aldridge has awarded the contract for rebuilding lock 96, Black river canal, to Dodge & McGregor of Buffalo, at $13,393.

Arkansas' Official Vote.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec 16.—The official vote of Arkansas at the recent presidential election was as follows: Democratic, 110,503; republican, 37,512; national, 1,893; prohibition, 839.

Reappointed to New Jersey's Health Board

Trenton, Dec 16—Gov. Griggs has reappointed Dr. Franklin Gaunt of Burlington as a member of the state board of health.

THE CHARTER ELECTIONS.

Result of the Vote in Several of the Cities and Towns in Massachusetts.

Boston, Dec. 16.—A mayor was not voted for this year, so that the chief contests yesterday were sectional fights over members of the common council and school board. Republicans gain one alderman over last year. The common council will stand forty-one democrats, thirty-four republicans against forty-five democrats and thirty republicans this year. John H. Duane, democrat, is elected street commissioner over Benjamin M. Cram, republican, by a vote of 30,228 to 29,819. The city majority for license will be not far from 10,000.

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 16.—In the city election yesterday W. L. Ramsdell was elected mayor by 1,899 votes, the vote being: Ramsdell, dem.-peoples'-party-citizens'-reform, 5,845; Charles H. Baker, rep., 3,946. The city went for license nearly two to one. Republican aldermen were elected.

Chelsea, Mass., Dec. 16.—H. W. Pratt, republican-citizens, was elected mayor over Hadaway, independent, by a vote of 3,519 to 1,214. License vote—No, 2,580; yes, 2,347.

Newburyport, Mass., Dec. 15.—In the city election here Mayor Curtis, independent-citizens, was re-elected without opposition. License vote—Yes, 1,192; no, 1,057.

North Adams, Mass., Dec. 15.—Mayor A. C. Houghton was re-elected yesterday by a considerably increased vote without opposition. License was carried by 292 majority.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 16.—The city election resulted in the success of the ticket headed by Alvin S. Sortwell, the Temple hall and Library hall nominee for mayor, over George A. Perkins, citizens' nomination papers. License was carried.

Bryan Pleased with the News.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 16—The news of the result of the city election at Lynn, Mass., was received with considerable satisfaction by Mr. Bryan last night. In view of the fact that two of the factories in the Massachusetts town cut their wages since election, the change in sentiment, Mr. Bryan thinks, is not remarkable. Upon receipt of the news Mr. Bryan sent the following telegram to the mayor-elect of the famous shoe town: "Accept congratulations. Lynn has at last put its shoe on the right foot."

Sharkey's Denial.

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—Thomas Sharkey testified in his own behalf in Fitzsimmons' suit for possession of that $10,00 check, and his denials of the charges of crookedness were prompt and vigorous. Sharkey denied having any interest whatever in the National Athletic club, or that he had advanced that organization $2,500 or any other sum. The first he saw of Earp was when he saw his name in the papers before he went to Sausalito to see Fitzsimmons. The sailor was positive he had never talked to Lynch or anybody else about Earp. He went into the ring with no thought but to win a fair fight. He still insists that the knock-out blow he received was a foul.

To Retire from Diplomacy.

Paris, Dec. 16.—The Temps says semi-officially that Baron de Courcel, the French ambassador to Great Britain, has definitely decided to abandon diplomacy. He will not, however, retire from his post until the second fortnight in January in order not to impede negotiations now pending between France and Great Britain. Baron de Courcel became well known to Americans in 1893 as one of the arbitrators in the Behring sea seal fisheries dispute.

Peculiar Death of Young Girl.

Wilkesbarre, Pa, Dec 16—Almira Hudsall, a beautiful girl aged 15 years, died suddenly at her home at Sibley, Pa., yesterday under peculiar circumstances. Monday night a party of Hungarians tried to break into the house where she was alone and reading. She gave a scream for help and the Hungarians were frightened away. During the night she complained of pain in her head and in the morning she died from heart failure

To Banquet Bryan.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 16.—The Traveling Men's Bryan club of Lincoln is arranging a banquet to be tendered to W. J. Bryan on the evening of Dec. 28, previous to his departure on his lecture tour. All the incoming state officers will be present, and many of the leading silverites of the country have been invited.

More Trouble for Spain.

Madrid, Dec. 16—A dispatch to the Imparcial from Manila, the capital of the Philippine islands, says that the rebellion in those islands is spreading and bands of insurgents infest the outskirts of the city of Manila. Advices from the Caroline and Mariannes islands say that risings are imminent at those places.

Earl of Darnley Dead.

Dublin, Dec. 16.—John Stuart Bligh, sixth Earl of Darnley, died suddenly yesterday at his home, Clifton lodge, county Heath. He was 69 years of age. He sat in the house of lords as Lord Clifton.

CABINET SITUATION

Believed That No Portfolio Has Yet Been Tendered.

HANNA'S VISIT TO MAJOR M'KINLEY

Acquainted the President-elect with What Had Been Done in Inaugural—Arrangements—Other Visitors at Canton.

Canton, O., Dec. 16.—The visit of Chairman Hanna to Canton yesterday afternoon has not in any way changed the cabinet situation so far as the public knows. There is still ample reason to believe that no portfolio has been tendered to a single person. Mr. Hanna has not determined upon his own course. He talked for an hour or more with Mr. McKinley about his trip to the east and acquainted him with what had been done in the way of arranging for the inaugural ceremonies. Mr. Hanna returned to Cleveland late last evening. Charles G. Dawes of Chicago arrived here during the morning and will remain a guest at the McKinley residence until this afternoon. When Major McKinley goes to Chicago the last of the week he expects to spend at least one day with Mr. and Mrs. Dawes at their suburban home at Evanston. Lieut.-Gov. Saxton of New York lunched with Major McKinley and had a conference with him. The situation in New York was discussed. Mr. Sexton said later: "There is no doubt of the election of Mr. Platt to the United States senate. He will have a very large majority of the republican votes in the legislature. I cannot say that New York is united on any one for the cabinet at present. There are a number of men who would make excellent cabinet officers. So far as I know, there is no popular movement in favor of any of them. Mr. Morton is out of the race." Brutus J. Clay discussed Kentucky politics with Major McKinley during the afternoon. "The trouble with Kentucky is that we have too many good republicans who want to go to the senate to succeed Mr. Blackburn," he said. "Gov. Bradley ought to go to the senate because he has, in my opinion, done the most for the party, but what is most important is that some good republican should go. Major McKinley impressed upon me the idea that it would not well do to lose that seat in the senate when we have so good a chance to get it. His notion is that we ought to sink all personal ambitions and animosities for the good of the party and country."

The Kentucky Senatorship.

Louisville, Dec. 16.—Gov. Bradley has given out a signed statement concerning the prospective senatorial vacancy and the manner of filling it. Blackburn's term will expire on March 4. The last legislature failed to elect. Gov. Bradley contends that a special session held before there is a vacancy cannot elect, and, also, that after March 4 he can appoint a senator who will be seated, and cites numerous cases. The Faulkner case, he says, is not a parallel, and he also takes positive issue with Senator Chandler. In the whole interview, however, he drops no hint as to what he will do. If he calls an early special session of the legislature he will surely appoint, but he may not call the session until after March 4.

Sneak Thieves at Newburgh.

Newburgh, N. Y., Dec. 16—Sneak thieves entered the residence of Archibald Taggart last evening and stole a gold watch, diamonds and other jewelry and money, tho whole amounting to about $1,000. Most of the property carried off belonged to Mr. Taggart's daughter, who is the wife of James T. Boothroyd, a New York lawyer. County clerk William Taggart, a son of Archibald, lost a diamond pin. There is no clue to the thieves.

Proposals for Central Pacific Bonds.

Washington, Dec. 16—Sealed proposals for the purchase of $2,780,000 first-mortgage bonds of the Central Pacific, Union Pacific and Kansas Pacific railroads, now constituting a part of the sinking fund of the Central Pacific railroad, will be received at the treasury department until 12 o'clock noon, Dec. 21, 1896. The bonds will be sold with all interest accrued and unpaid thereon.

Pension Legislation.

Washington, Dec. 16—The house committee on invalid pensions and the senate pension committee have decided to hold a joint session on Friday next for the purpose of hearing the officers of the G. A. R. regarding pension legislation.

Fourteen Men Drowned.

London, Dec. 16—The French coasting schooner Marie Fanny has been lost off the island of Alderney, in the British channel. Fourteen men, comprising her crew, were drowned.

Vermont Insane Asylum Superintendent.

Waterbury, Vt., Dec. 16.—Dr. Frank Wilfred Page of Boston has been appointed to the office of superintendent of the Vermont state insane asylum at Waterbury.

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Some Women

have to be driven to it They wait until they can't stand the old-fashioned way of washing any longer. Then they get **Pearline**. But ten to one they use it for only part of the work, or use it some way of their own, or use something else with it—and don't get half the help they ought to.

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ARE OF AZTEC ANCESTRY

Proud Claim Made by the Pueblo Indians of New Mexico.

They Observe in Secret the Strange Religious Rites with Which Prescott Has Made American Readers Familiar.

(Special Albuquerque (N. M.) Letter.)

Of the many queer and interesting nooks in this country, unknown to the ordinary sight-seer, none perhaps possess more interest than the southwest, where the Spanish conquerors found a better government and a more advanced civilization than their own. The section of the United States now known as New Mexico and Arizona was the seat of the western empire, as southern Asia was that of the east centuries ago. The aborigines settled in the fertile valley courses by the largest river in that country, which the Spaniards re-named the Rio Grande (Grand river). Whence they came is only conjecture. The Spaniards found deserted villages of stone buildings, and even the inhabitants of the other villages said these buildings were old when their remote ancestors came. These aborigines traced their descent from the Aztecs, who swarmed into this country in the twelfth century, and built their homes in mountains of rock. Whether they were subsequently submerged by flood, swallowed by earthquake, or migrated in a body, history does not state, and tradition is silent.

In this queer and unfrequented spot there dwell to-day several tribes of Indians, descendants of the earlier settlers on this continent. They claim descent from the Aztecs, and the Aztecs claim their descent from the Toltecs, who overran the country in the sixth century. Beyond this, tradition even does not speak. Only stone images and deserted mountain caves bear testimony to the antiquity of the earliest American settlements.

GROUP OF CHILDREN PHOTOGRAPHED IN PUEBLO LAGUNA.

~~The~~ Indians of the pueblos of Laguna, near Albuquerque, and of Taos, near Santa Fe, and of San Juan, have a religion similar in form to that of the Aztecs; only that, so far as is known, they do not offer human sacrifice But they observe in secret their strange religious rites, and their cachina, or stone god image, is found in every house. They also observe the outward forms of Christianity which the conquering Spaniards forced upon them more than three centuries ago.

In about a century after the conquest, they found the cross too heavy to bear, and growing tired of being flogged for observing the religious rites of their ancestors, they rebelled and drove the Spaniards from the country, killing the priests and burning the church buildings. The first battle in the western world for religious freedom was on the plains of San Ildefonso, near Albuquerque. They showed more zeal for what they considered religious freedom than their ancestors did for personal liberty when the invaders came. But in the conquest the Indians were frightened into submission at the horses of the beings with beards. The aborigines had never seen a horse, and believed it to be some powerful engine of destruction, and looked upon the "men with beards" with superstitious fear, believing them to have come from another world

ATENCIO, EX-GOVERNOR OF PUEBLO SAN JUAN.

In order to re-conquer the country, Spain sent another army, half warriors, half freebooters, inflamed by highly-colored reports of tons of gold to be found in the "Seven Cities of Cibola." The second army of invasion was sure to find these golden cities, and believed that the conquistadores had all become wealthy and kept the matter a secret. From their caves in the mountain sides the aborigines hurled rocks upon the invaders and showered arrows upon them, but were finally starved into submission and were henceforth held in slavery and made to work the mines. A more cruel system of slavery was perhaps never invented. The Indians were worked in gangs under an overseer, who was liberal with the lash. All native industry was practically stopped in the mad pursuit of gold. The weaving of cotton fabrics, for which the Pueblos were famous, and the manufacture of water-tight baskets and of jewelry were prohibited except under prescribed regulations.

It is estimated that during the Spanish occupation of the southwest of a little more than three centuries, about $3,000,000 worth of gold and silver bullion was taken from the mines, and still they are not exhausted. The Indians of to-day know the location of valuable mines, long since abandoned by the Spaniards and their successors, the Mexicans, and occasionally visit the villages and towns with gold nuggets and quills of gold dust, which they trade for the necessaries of life, and whisky—principally the latter. When they start homeward they are followed by mining prospectors, but the Indians are too smart to visit the mines until they are sure that palefaces are not around. No amount of persuasion or money will induce them to tell the location of the hidden riches—they are content to bring in a few dollars' worth every few weeks, when, no doubt, the hidden mine is worth a fortune

Slavery continued under the Mexican rule, and so isolated was this section of country that it was not really abolished until several years after the war of the rebellion. The attention of government officers was called to its existence, and as slavery had been abolished in the southern states, the same law held here, but was not effective until several hidalgos had been convicted. Being freed, the Pueblos turned their attention to agriculture, the making of cloth, baskets and jewelry, known as the "filigree" variety. The Pueblos are fine artisans and, ~~without~~ improved implements, manufacture a variety of the prettiest jewelry found in this country—excelling even the Japanese of San Francisco. Recently the industry has grown very profitable, and the villages of San Ildefonso, Taos, Laguna and Acoma realize from $1,000 to $3,000 or $4,000 yearly. The gold and silver are found in the deserted mines, whose location is known only to these people Squaws and children flock to the railroad stations with baskets of this pretty filigree work, which they sell to tourists, at fancy prices—according to the tourist—for they are shrewd traders and good readers of the human face. There is also a good trade in water-tight baskets, made of native grasses of various colors, so woven and blended as to represent animals and birds, almost as natural as life. Only birds of bright plumage are depicted, as black feathers are considered as bringing bad luck!

Here, in the far southwest, dwell a people primitive in habits and customs as were their ancestors centuries ago. Surrounded by civilization, it has no influence upon them They believe theirs to be the better. They are as completely isolated, so far as their mode of life is concerned, as if they were not on this continent.

The southwest is rich in ruins One of the best preserved is the famous and historical Casa Grandes, near Tucson, Ariz. There is no history as to who their builders were.

The Pima Indians say that their ancestors of 500 years ago found them in ruins. The village of the Pimas is a few miles from the Casa Grandes, or group of Casa Grandes. They are built on a slight eminence commanding a magnificent view of the valley. Aqueducts laid in concrete, marvels of engineering skill, extend to the Gila (swift running) river, about three miles distant. Each house is about 300 feet from its neighbor. They are built of concrete of mud, gravel and ashes, and the timbers are of cedar, showing no evidence of the use of sharp instruments. The Pimas, who are now, as they have been for centuries, the custodians of the Casa Grandes, say they are the palaces of Montezuma, and that here dwelt a great many people. Traces of the surrounding walls indicate a large city, and the broken pottery seen in every direction for several miles indicates a large population of people skilled in workmanship and science. Fragments of the pottery are in red, white and lead colors, and on many of them are traced geometrical figures. A striking peculiarity of the workmanship is that some of the pottery is painted on the inside—a specimen of work found nowhere else on this continent so far as is known.

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Correspondence of ARGUS and MERCURY.

—A very affecting and impressive baptismal ceremony was performed, Sunday evening, when seven were baptized in the font in the church here in the presence of a very large audience by Rev. Mr. Edwards. There are others to be baptized, next Sunday evening, at the same hour.

—The revival meetings were closed, last Friday night, except for one night in the week, Thursday, at the church, where all all are invited. They have had four weeks of nightly meetings which were very interesting and successful.

—Ellis VanAuken, of this place, has been quite seriously ill for the past two weeks and confined to his bed, but we are glad to say he is convalescent.

—John T. Hoyt, of Middletown, who has been visiting his sisters at the Hoyt homestead, returned home last week.

—The largest monument in the cemetery at this place has been erected to the memory of the late Lewis Carpenter and his wife by Bennett, of Tri-States.

—The funeral of Charles Doty, of near Greenville, was held in the church here, Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock. The Rev. Mr. Edwards, of this place, preached to a very large audience. The interment was in the cemetery here.

—Mr. and Mrs. Theordore Myres, of the Clove Valley, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ferguson, near this place.

—It is reported that Enos Brink, who bought the Gilson farm a short time ago at a very low price, has sold it already for $400 more than he gave. It is still a very cheap farm at the increased price.

Would Murder Dr. Zertucha.

Havana, Dec. 15.—A complete calm prevails here to-day, following the noisy demonstrations made upon the receipt of the news of the death of Gen. Maceo and upon the return of Capt.-Gen. Weyler from the province of Pinar del Rio. The war news that has been made public is devoid of interest, and the newspapers devote much of their space to glowing descriptions of the demonstrations made by the volunteers of Havana in honor of Gen. Weyler. The friends of the insurgents here dare not express their feelings publicly, but they are bitter in their hatred of the Marquis of Ahumada, who, they declare, planned the plot to assassinate Maceo. Their hatred towards Dr. Zertucha is almost as intense, and an attempt on his life, if the chance should occur, would not be surprising.

Dissatisfaction with Weyler's Conduct.

Madrid, Dec. 16.—The dissatisfaction with Gen. Weyler's conduct of affairs in Cuba grows apace here. The ministerial papers complain about his returning to Havana to receive an undeserved ovation instead of vigorously pursuing the insurgents in the province of Pinar del Rio. Other papers resent Gen. Weyler's alleged suppression of telegrams recording the ovations to Maj. Cirujeda upon the receipt of the news that his command had defeated a largely superior force of rebels and killed their leader, Maceo. This action is attributed to jealousy on the part of Gen. Weyler, who, the papers claim, desires to have no one share with him the honor of suppressing the insurrection.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Wheat—Spot firmer, but lower. Dec., 88c.; May, 86½c.

Corn—Spot is steady, but dull. Dec., 29c.; May, 31⅜c.

Oats—Trade dull; values unsettled. Dec., 22½c.; May, 24⅝c.

Lard—Market firmer, but quiet. Prime western, $4 20.

Pork—Prices steady; fair demand Extra prime, nominal, short clear, $9.00@10 50; mess, $8.25@8.75; family, $10.00@10.75

Eggs—Market quiet and weaker. State and Pennsylvania fresh, 18@20c.; ice house, 15@17c.; western, fresh, 18@19c.; limed, 15@16; southern, 17½@18

Butter—Prices rule in buyers favor. Creamery western extras 23c., state and Pennsylvania, extras 19@23½c.; creamery, western seconds 18c; state dairy, half-firkin tubs fresh factory, 13c.; state dairy, half-firkin tubs, fall made extras, 19½@20c., western imitation creamery, seconds to firsts 11@17c.; western factory, firsts to extras, 8½@11c.

Cheese—Fair movement. State, full cream, large size, fall made, colored, 10½c.; large, common to choice, part skims, 3½@7c.

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GALEVILLE.

Correspondence ARGUS AND MERCURY.

—The event of the week will be the phonographic and Arcadian Quartette concert at the Galeville M. E. Church, on Friday evening, Dec. 18. Admission only fifteen cents; children under twelve years ten cents. If the weather should prove stormy it will be held the next fair evening.

RIDGEBURY.

An Oyster Supper.

Correspondence ARGUS AND MERCURY.

—The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will hold an oyster supper in the basement on Thursday evening, Dec. 17. If very stormy the next fair evening. All are invited.

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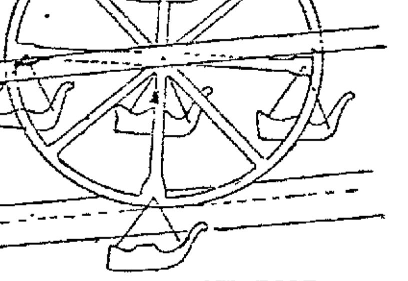

CYCLOIDAL CHARIOT.

By a second patent issued to this same inventor a double cycloidal chariot is to be made. The only difference between the two will be that the double chariot will have two large wheels, with the passenger cars swung on pivots between them. In the case of the first invention, the cars were hung alternately on the two sides of the wheel, thus balancing it and preventing the least possibility of toppling over the side of the inclined track.

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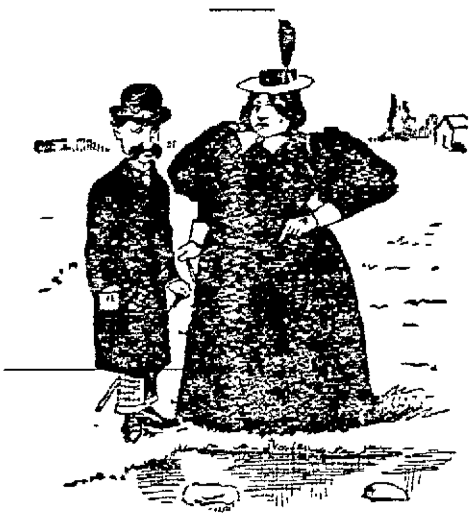

She—It shows plainly enough, Francois, that you love me no more. In other days you would have taken me in your arms and carried me over. — Le Rire.

Colombia's Foreign Debt.

Colon, Dec. 16.—Advices from Bogota are to the effect that the Colombian congress has approved the arrangement entered into by the government with Mr. Passmore, agent of the British bondholders, for the payment of the foreign debt.

Alexander Salvini Dead.

Rome, Dec. 16.—Alexander Salvini, author and son of the celebrated Italian tragedian Tomasso Salvini, died in Florence yesterday

Washington Newspapers Sold.

Washington, Dec 16.—The morning and evening Times have been purchased by Stilson Hutchins

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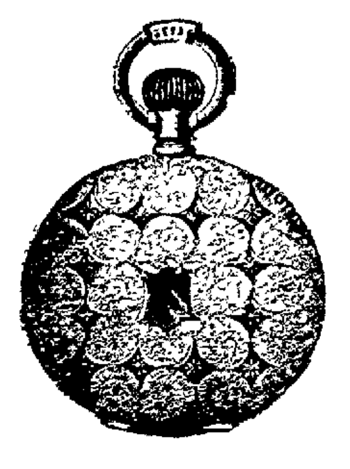

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16, 1896.

The road improvement debate before the Supervisors was interesting, but not profitable. Every speaker, whether private citizen or Supervisor, declared that he wanted good roads, but most of them wanted them in some other way than through the county road system. The rainbow chasers of the discussion were, however, those who said they expected that Orange county's roads would soon be improved by State aid. The State can raise no money for road improvement except by direct taxation and there is no reason for hoping or expecting that in the apportionment of such a fund, Orange county would receive as much as it paid. The State would at most merely supplement local expenditures and the greater share of a State road fund would be gobbled up by localities which are more progressive than Orange county, and where the advantages of good roads having been learned and appreciated large sums are gladly spent in making and maintaining them.

IN ANCIENT GOSHEN.

The Gypsies Visit Goshen — Personal Mention—The Desire to Look Into the Future—A Light That Shows All Things.

From Our Special Correspondent.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Topping, of New York, spent last Sunday with friends in Goshen.

—The gypsies did a thriving business during their stay in Goshen. They had a mimic encampment in the Merriam building, the queen and her band occupying separate tents, to which visitors retired while the mysteries of the future were unfolded to them.

—It is a strange desire that seems inborn in so many of us,—that wish to lift a corner of the veil that hides the future from us and to get a glimpse of what it may have in store for us. Probably it is the charm that any mystery or the uncertainty of any game has for us, mingled with a Micawber—like hope something may turn up that will be to our advantage. It is a very merciful thing, however, that we are ignorant of what is before us, ignorant that is to a certain extent for our own instincts are danger signals to us if we only happen to heed them, and these will occasionally dart across our as yet untraveled path and illumine it for an instant as brilliantly as a lightning flash. But we are seldom the happier for what we see during that instant.

—If the use of electricity is carried very much further there will soon be nothing hidden that shall not be revealed in the present, past or future. Not content with the revelations made by the X-rays, surgeons now cause their patients to swallow an electric light. What a comfort this will be to those who like to watch their symptoms, with an internal electric light and a hand glass how swiftly the winged hours will pass. Perhaps after a time we shall all be going about looking like the pretty pictures in the physiologies, although we may feel with Pleasant Riderhood that we do not wish to regard ourselves nor yet to be regarded in that bony light. This system of internal illumination may have its conveniences too, when it is perfected. By means of it the lover may look into the heart of his fair one, and see whether his image reigns there unshadowed by that of another. The man who meets his friend, and receives from him a cool nod or a churlish word, may glance at his mechanism, and with a shrug of his shoulders exclaim, "O yes, I see, poor fellow, a touch of dyspepsia and a disordered liver," and will go on his way unoffended. The truly scientific mind will readily think of a thousand uses for it but let us hope it will respect our pocket-books and bank accounts, and not expose their awful secrets to the gaze of an [illegible] publi

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THE HOTEL BEATS

Still in Binghamton, and Trying to Effect a Settlement.

Captain Gould has not yet returned from Binghamton with John J. Power and Fred Vann, the young men arrested there for jumping a board bill at the Madison House. The prisoners are very anxious to settle, and have made several propositions looking to that end.

The last one received by Mr. Lea, this afternoon, is to pay their own bills and all expenses, but they claim that they cannot be held for the young woman's bill.

Middletown Business College Entertainments.

A Christmas entertainment will be given by the students of the Middletown Business College, in their rooms in the Lipfeld building, 25 North street, Tuesday evening, Dec 22, at 7.30. The friends and patrons of the school are cordially invited to be present. The programme will consist of piano and violin solos, duets, choruses, dialogues, recitations, etc

The school will close for the holidays, Thursday, Dec 24, re-open Monday, Jan 4, 1897

Merit in medicine means the power to cure. The great cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla prove its unequalled merit

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

LAURADA GOES TO GIBRALTAR.

BY UNITED PRESS.

PALERMO, Dec. 16.—The Laurada has sailed for Gibraltar where she will ship cargo and proceed to America.

BOSTON'S VOTE FOR LICENSE.

BY UNITED PRESS.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—The total vote on license at yesterday's election with one small precinct missing, is yes 39,274, no 25,565.

NEW YORK A SNOW BOUND CITY

A Very Severe Snow Storm Prevailing There—Traffic Impeded—Many Steamers Overdue.

BY UNITED PRESS

NEW YORK, Dec 16—This city and vicinity is to-day the centre of a very severe snow storm, which is accompanied by winds of great velocity. Fully six inches of snow has fallen. Traffic in the streets is imped and there are large drifts on the sidewalks. The storm extends from Maine to Charleston.

Nineteen steamers are due here from Europe. This is an unusually large list and contains the names of nine which are from two to six days overdue, the cause, of course, being rough weather

Advices from New England report that the storm is severe there. A schooner stranded at Cape Cod.

THE WAY OF THE TRANSGRESSOR

The County Court Still Occupied With Criminal Cases—An Aged Man Convicted of Horse Theft—Robert Davis Pleads Guilty to Forgery—Mercy Asked for a Man Whole Stole a Barrell of Whiskey.

The County Court at Goshen, yesterday afternoon, was occupied in the trial of Henry Barnes, an old man indicted for stealing a horse from Ben Writer, of near Otisville. The evidence was conclusive and the jury found a verdict of guilty. Barnes was remanded for sentence.

It came out on the trial that Barnes has stolen at least four horses, one in this county, two in Ulster county, and one in New Jersey. He has a son in prison for horse theft, and officers are on the lookout for another son, who was implicated with his father in stealing Mr. Writer's horse, and probably in other thefts.

A reward of $250 was offered for the arrest and conviction of Barnes and this is claimed by two members of the Newburgh police force, Officers Topping and Ward. The arrest was made by Officer Ward, but Topping claims that he worked up the case and made the arrest possible. A suit may have to be brought to determine which officer shall have the money.

Robert Davis, indicted for forgery in signing the name of Miss Mary Osburn, of Johnson, to an advertisement in a matrimonial paper, withdrew his plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty. He was remanded for sentence.

Henry A. J. Laird, a former saloon keeper in Port Jervis, indicted for burglary in stealing a barrel of whiskey from a West Shore car in Port Jervis, was found guilty, with a recommendation to mercy.

Charles Stewart, indicted for burglary in entering the house of Charles A. Dickson in Newburgh and stealing a number of articles, is now being tried. Stewart is a young man, but he has served several years in the penitentiary. A brother is now breaking stone in the yard attached to Goshen jail.

There is still enough criminal business to occupy the attention of the court for a day or two longer.

TO AID THE CUBAN CAUSE.

Commodore Corey Raising a Subscription to Buy Guns for Cuba.

Commodore Corey is actively engaged in raising funds to purchase one hundred guns for Cuba. He has secured over $20 already. The money is to be deposited in John E Corwin's bank to the credit of the Cuban delegate, Thomas Estrada Palma, 56 New street, N. Y.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS. P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Building 16 North street, Middletown, N. Y. Stocks Bonds Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin

NEW YORK, Dec 16, '96.

	Yesterday Close	To-day Close
Sugar	110½	111⅞
Tobacco	74	75¾
Chicago Gas	71¾	73
Nat Lead	—	24
General Electric	30⅝	31⅞
U. S. L., pref	58¼	59⅞
Tenn Coal and Iron	25⅛	25¼
A T & S F	13⅝	13½
C B & Q	74½	73⅞
C M & St P	73½	74¼
R I	67⅞	68
D. L. & W	—	156
C of N. J	102½	—
Erie	—	—
D and H	—	—
O & W	14⅞	14¼
Susquehanna & Western	—	—
Susquehanna & West, pref.	25	—
P & R	25⅞	26⅜
N. W	102¼	102¾
L S	—	153
N. Y. C.	—	94⅞
M. P.	19¾	19½
Texas	9⅝	—
U. P.	9	9¼
W. Union	85⅝	85¼
L & N.	18⅝	19
Manhattan	92	*92
P M	24	24¼
Wabash, pref	15⅝	—
No Pacific, pref	—	—
W. L.	7½	7½
Southern R'y.	—	—
Southern, pref	27	27⅛
May Wheat	81⅝	79⅞
May Corn	25¾	25½
May Oats	20⅞	20
Jan Pork	$7 62	$7 65
Jan Lard	3 85	3 85

*Ex dividend 1½

A WOMAN'S STORY.

It Should Be of Interest to Every Thinking Woman.

Women who reason well know that no male physician can understandingly treat the complaint known as "female diseases," for no man ever experienced them.

This, Lydia E. Pinkham taught them twenty years ago, when she discovered in her Vegetable Compound the only successful cure for all those ailments peculiar to the sex. Many women have a fatal faith in their physician, and not till they can suffer no longer, will they think and act for themselves.

The following testimony is straight to the point, and represents the experience of hundreds of thousands of now grateful women: "For six years I was a great sufferer from those internal weaknesses so prevalent among our sex. After having received treatment from four physicians of our city, and finding no relief whatever, I concluded to try Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and it has proved a boon to me. It can truly be called a "Saviour of Women."—MRS. B. A. PERHAM, Waynesboro, Pa.

DAMAGE BY LAST NIGHT'S GALE

Considerable Damage Done Along the New Jersey Coast.

BY UNITED PRESS

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The storm caused considerable damage on the coast of New Jersey. At Atlantic City, the old Casino building, in which the Elks disaster occurred two years ago, was blown down. Vessels in New York and New England ports will remain in port pending a subsidence of the gale.

MANY KILLED BY AN EXPLOSION

BY UNITED PRESS

MUNICH, Dec. 16.—An explosion in a match factory at Chaffenburg, Bavaria, to-day, demolished the building and killed fifteen women and girls and seriously injured seven others.

Excelsiors' Second Social.

Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company held its second social last evening. Sixteen tables were occupied by whist players, prizes falling to Mrs. T. A. Weller and Chas. H. Smith. The usual programme of refreshments and dancing was carried out. Roescher's orchestra furnished the music.

The members of the committee of arrangements were: C. A. Adams, P. G. Whitlock, A. J. Vail, C H Emde, Dr. W. J. Nelson

Orange Encampment's Entertainment

Orange Encampment of Patriarchs, No. 93, I. O. O. F., will hold an entertainment followed by supper and dancing in their rooms, Dec. 18. Committee—D. Ross, C. W. Teed, W. R. Bunting, J. J. Wood, F. R Parsells, C. S. Hulse, J. A. Dillenbeck.

Women

Who are nervous, weak, worn out with local troubles find pure blood, nerve strength, and perfect health in Hood's Sarsaparilla.

We do not say the above to raise false hope. It has been the experience of many, very many women in those intensely trying periods which demand and consume so much

Nervous

force — those special physical trials we delicately indicate by merely using the words — Maid, Mother, Matron.

Like a confidential friend we suggest the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla, a reliable blood purifier and tonic; it has helped many others and will help you.

"I was in poor health five years, broken down in strength, and appetite all gone. Local troubles and other weaknesses intensified my misery. Nervous sick

Headaches

dizziness, heartburn and pains in my back made me think I should never be well again. A friend prevailed upon me to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. I soon began to improve and in six months it restored me to better health than for years. I have found Hood's Sarsaparilla a grand medicine for all troubles peculiar to

My Sex

I am now strong and healthy and can do a good day's work. I stand by Hood's Sarsaparilla, for it cured me after other medicines failed." MRS. LUE DIER, Carlinville, Illinois.

This and many similar cures prove that

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. $1. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Hood's Pills are purely vegetable, carefully prepared. 25 cents.

CARSON & TOWNER.

HOLIDAY GOODS!

We are Showing a Very Attractive Line of HANDKERCHIEFS.

For Ladies' and Gent's in pure linen and silk from the lowest to the high priced kind. For Ladies'—Embroidered, scalloped and hemstiched at 5c, 12½c, 15c, 20c, 25c and up. Duchess Lace $1.75 to $5. For Gent's—Hemmed, hemstitched and fancy all linen at 10c, 12½c, 15c, 20c, 25c and up. Silk handkerchiefs, initial and plain, 50c, 75c and $1. Ladies' and Gent's umbrellas at special prices.

CARSON & TOWNER,

No. 11 West Main Street. Telephone 166.

THERE IS A SURPRISE IN STORE

HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT.

We have just received the New Holiday Hat—the Princeton. Fur Caps, Seal and Nutra Cloth Caps in endless variety.

Ready Made Clothing, Ulsters, Overcoats

and HEAVY SUITS. Owing to the lateness of the season, we will start in Dec. 1st to make special inducements to buyers in order to close out our heavy stock. Underwear, Cardigan Jackets, Sweaters and Jersey Coats. Elegant line of Neckwear, Suspenders, Gloves, fur and fur lined; Mittens and Dress Kid Gloves. MERCHANT TAILORING DEPARTMENT—We are still busy. We keep up our stock of Suitings, Overcoatings and Trouserings, which enables customers to make a good selection. Our Dress Suits have met with great success. Mr Rodgers pleases all. Look at our fine line of Trunks, Satchels, Dress Suit Cases and Telescope Boxes, Mackintosh Coats, Umbrellas and Canes.

JOHN E. ADAMS,

Leading Hatter and Clothier, No. 41 North Street.

HOLIDAY GOODS!

Have the Call from This Date to Jan. 1st.

—We have a great display of Novelties in silver, celluloid, gold, aluminum, etc.

—Prices from 10c to $1; such prices as only the present "honest dollar" could produce.

—We have prepared a line of Dress Goods, for children's wear, at special reductions for the holiday season only.

—See our window.

—We have the Handkerchief stock of the season. Come and see it.

H. E. CHURCHILL & CO.,

No. 39 North Street.

ANYTHING WANTED ?

We have nice Cauliflower, Golden Wax Beans, Parsnips, Carrots, Lettuce and Celery, Red and White Cabbage, Red and White Onions, all kinds of Canned Vegetables and Fruits. Farinaceous goods of every kind, choice Preserves and Jams. Everything in the grocery line at

BROSS & MUNDY,

TELEPHONE 39—19. 42 NORTH ST

SAMUEL LIPFELD,

No. 25 North Street.

We are showing the largest assortment of Holiday Goods shown in the city, consisting of

NECKWEAR,
GLOVES,
UMBRELLAS,
SUSPENDERS,
HANDKERCHIEFS.
COLLARS,
CUFFS,
SMOKING JACKETS

at prices that will astonish you. Give us a call.

SAMUEL LIPFELD

25 North St

SPECIAL SALE

OF

COATS AND CAPES

This Week!

A very attractive stock in all the fashionable shapes of the season in Boucle, Astrakhan, Plush and Kersey. We have made extraordinary preparations and are in position to deliver from stock all sizes and at most attractive prices.

J. D. HORTON, AGT.,

No. 27 West Main Street.

Try Monhagen Buckwheat Flour.

Absolutely Pure. Made by

HOUSTON BROS.

Props. of Monhagen Mills.
Mills 62-66 Mill St.

STORE—CORNER NORTH AND DEPOT SRREETS.

FOR SALE.

The fine residence, known as the late John Cochran's, No. 135 West Main street. House contains 10 rooms, steam heat, gas, and all modern improvements; lot about 54x150. This is to close an estate and is a fine opportunity for a bargain.

GARDNER & M'WILLIAMS. NO. 25 NORTH ST

I sell dry wood, always kept under shelter. You can be sure of a dry article at

E. H. GREGORY'S.

Telephonecall 129.

HANFORD & HORTON.

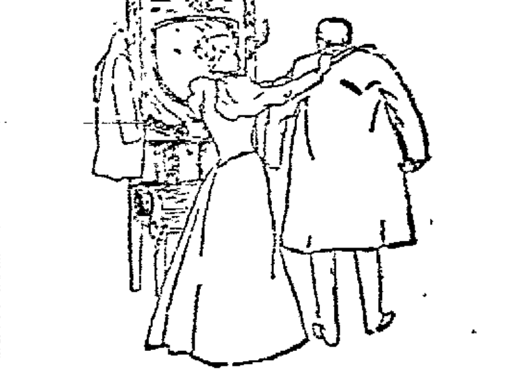
CHRISTMAS HERE NEXT WEEK.

Full Stock of These Goods Here Now Ready to Be Presented.

Books,
Photograph Albums,
Teachers' Bibles,
Pocketbooks and Purses,
Card Cases, with gold and silver mountings,
Gold Pens and Pencils
Writing Tablets,
Prayers and Hymnals
Hand Glasses,
Cameras and Pocket Kodaks,
Medallions
Calendars for 1897.
Music Rolls,
Fountain Pens,
Dictionary Holders,
Fancy Boxes of Paper,
Collar and Cuff Boxes,
Framed Pictures,
Toilet Sets, leather and celluloid
Inkstands,
Diaries for 1897,
Christmas Booklets and Cards
Games,
Building Blocks

Hanford & Horton,

No. 6 North St., Middletown.



YOU WEAR!

A coat principally for warmth for protection against cold, don't you?

If you want a coat for comfort and one that will wear well you should see the new lot of ulsters we are offering $5, $6, $8, $10, $12, $15, $18 and $20.

GEO. W. YOUNG.

POTTED HAM or TONGUE!

Unusually cheap, 5 and 10 cents; former price 15 and 25 cents.

B. F. TODD,

121 North St., Middletown

Useful Holiday Presents.

MEN'S SLIPPERS AT 50, 65, 75c A PAIR AND UP.

"The Hub" Shoe Store,

13 West Main Street.

Our Men's Patent Leather Shoes at $3 and $3.50 a pair are as good as any at $4 and $5. Rubber Boots, Felt Boots and all kinds of Overshoes at very low prices.

YOUR GAIN. OUR LOSS.

You know, we know that the weather has been unseasonable, and we are heavily stocked with Clothing, Underwear, Gloves, etc. saleable for cold weather. We have made a price on them that will sell them quick.

Men's Black Frieze Ulsters $6.
Men's Ulsters $3 and up.
Men's Kersey Overcoats $4.50
Men's All Wool Kersey Overcoats $6
Men's All Wool Black Suits $5
Men's All Wool Clay Diagonal Suits $7 50

Morris B. Wolf,

Blue Front Store,
10 North Street.

C. E. CRAWFORD FURNITURE CO.

Our New Art Gallery IS Now Ready.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to call on us and spend a half hour in our new department. Our word for it, you will be pleased. Also we wish at this time to call attention to our Framing Department; we have about 100 styles of moulding, and with Mr. Augustus Eith to do the work we claim to be headquarters in this line.

Call and see us. A nice Picture makes an elegant Christmas present. Respectfully,

C. E. Crawford Furniture Co.

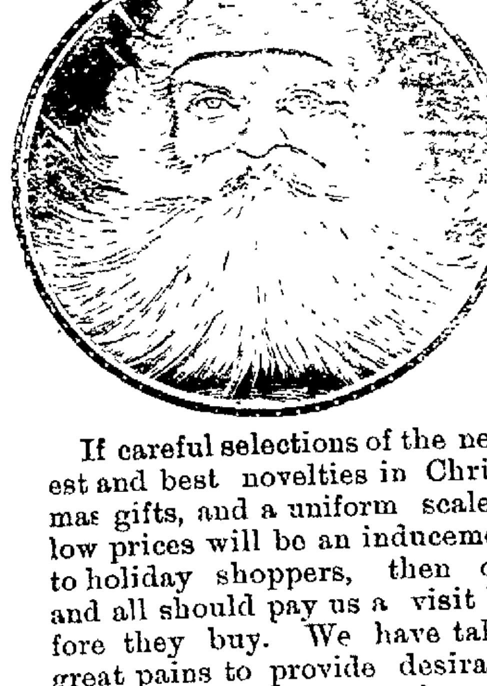
44-46 North Street, Middletown.

Summer Fragrance at Christmas Time!

That's a pretty thought for a gift! Exquisite Perfume of Roses, Violets, Jasmine, Arbutus, Heliotrope and many other buds and blossoms prepared, developed and blended in our own laboratory, now offered in daintiest device of crystal cut glass or in simpler form for plainer tastes. Each in perfect form, the best of its kind, a gift sure of welcome anywhere.

Offering to you Perfumes and Toilet Waters of our own preparation, we give you larger assortment, better style and save you money.

McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St. and 158 North St. (North Side Pharmacy.)



If careful selections of the newest and best novelties in Christmas gifts, and a uniform scale of low prices will be an inducement to holiday shoppers, then one and all should pay us a visit before they buy. We have taken great pains to provide desirable selections for all kinds of people and have been equally careful to make the prices right.

7 West Main Street, Middletown.

Fancher's

DAILY ARGUS.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16, 1896.

OPEN EVENINGS.

THE BUSINESS OFFICE OF THE "ARGUS" IS OPEN EVENINGS FROM SEVEN UNTIL EIGHT O'CLOCK.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY UNITED PRESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Snow this afternoon and to-night; fair and colder Thursday; northwesterly winds; dangerous on coast.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Pronk's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 22°; 12 m., 30°; 3 p. m., 30°.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

- —100 building lots for sale by D. B. Miller
- —Holiday goods to the front at Geo. B. Adams & Co's
- —The Advertisers for 1897. See adv.
- —Christmas presents at Hanford & Horton's
- —The Queen of Violet Perfumes at Olney's
- —Dress suit cases $2.25 at Matthews & Co.'s
- —Trimmed hats cheap at Frank Crawford's.
- —Holiday goods cheap at Samuel Lugfeld's
- —Linen goods of all kinds at Frank Crawford's

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—A full rehearsal of the Mikado will be held at the Casino, this evening.

—Concordia Council, No. 1,077, Royal Arcanum, will confer the degree, to-night.

—The Ladies' Missionary Society of St. Paul's Church will meet at 4 p. m., to-morrow, at the parsonage.

—The young people of the Universalist Church will spend a social evening with their pastor, at No. 92 Academy avenue, to-morrow, (Thursday) evening.

—Frank Wazneck, a brakeman on the Delaware Division of the Erie, had the fingers of his right hand crushed while making a coupling at Hancock, Tuesday morning.

—Cyrus Lunn, whose skull was fractured by a fall from a locomotive he was repairing in the Erie Port Jervis shop, last week, died yesterday afternoon in the Port Jervis hospital.

—The Minisink Valley Historical Society has received a certificate of registration from the Regents, and having appropriated $100 for the purchase of books will receive $50 from the State.

—Chas. A. Loder as Herman Balmer a German clarinet blower in "Hilarity," gives many imitations of celebrated musicians that are remarkable for correctness. At the Casino, Saturday evening.

—The twelfth annual issue of the Columbia pad calendar has made its appearance in more pleasing form than ever before, having scattered through its daily leaves many charming illustrations with an appropriate thought or verse for each day in the year. Among the topics are cycling, out-door life and good roads.

PERSONAL.

—Mrs. George E. Wallace has gone to Brooklyn to spend the holidays at her former home there.

—Miss Edith Royce is expected home, to-night, from Abbott Academy, Andover, Mass., for the holiday vacation.

—Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Sears and daughter, Pluma, have removed from 13 Benton avenue to the residence of Mrs. S. Marietta Thrall, on Grove street. Miss Sears will care for Mrs. Thrall in the future.

FIFTY-FOUR YEARS OF WEDDED LIFE

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Lawrence Quietly Celebrate the Anniversary of Their Marriage—Mr. Lawrence's Views on the Virtues of Kerosene.

On the evening of December 15th, 1842 Mr. and Mrs. James H. Lawrence, now residing at 201 North street, were united in marriage, in the town of Crawford, by Rev. Robert P. Lee.

Although there was no formal celebration of their fifty-fourth anniversary by the aged couple, last evening, Mr. Lawrence informed an ARGUS representative that he took his first vacation from active work in many months, yesterday, in honor of the event, and spent the day and evening in a quiet visit with the bride of many years ago.

Mr. Lawrence, who has been employed in the Ontario and Western round house for the past seventeen years, is in his seventy-eighth year, while his companion is but five years his junior. He is a relative of Usal Knapp, one of General Washington's body guard, who died at the age of ninety-six years. Mr. Lawrence's mother was a niece of Mr. Knapp.

"I am in the enjoyment of good health," said Mr. Lawrence, this morning, "and I attribute it to the liberal and constant use of kerosene by absorption. You see, I use a gallon of kerosene every day in wiping engines and it is being constantly absorbed into my system. Nearly all my life until I began work here, seventeen years ago, I was terribly afflicted with salt rheum, for which I constantly doctored, but in vain. Since that time I have never been troubled with salt rheum, or hardly any other serious ailment. Yes, sir, kerosene is my medicine for many of the ills of life and if I had occasion to take it internally, I should not hesitate to do so."

Mr. Lawrence does not look to be as old as he is, by some years, a fact which is doubtless owing to his temperate life, he having been a total abstainer from tobacco and intoxicants all his life.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence have had nine children, four of whom are living, as follows: Mrs. Mary E. Kniffin, of West Main street, this city; Mrs. Caroline Niver, of Pine Bush; Mrs. David Crawford and Geo. E. Lawrence, of Walden.

REV. DAVID EVANS' RESEGNATION

Resigns as Rector of Grace Church to Accept a Call to Trinity Church, Tacoma—His Departure Universally Regretted.

Rev. David Evans sent, last night, to the vestry of Grace Church, a letter resigning the rectorship of the parish and announcing his acceptance of a call to the rectorate of Trinity Church, Tacoma, Wash. Mr. Evans asks that his connection with Grace Church terminate Feb. 7. He proposes to take a short rest before entering on his duties in Tacoma.

Mr. Evans received the call to Tacoma, several weeks ago, but decided to decline it and so wrote the vestry of Trinity Church. In answer to his declination Trinity's vestry wrote that they would allow the matter to remain open for a time, in hope that he might reconsider his decision. Following this letter came one from Bishop Barker, of Olympia, urgently appealing to Mr. Evans to come out and help the church on the Pacific coast, where it stood in special need of the services of earnest, zealous, unselfish and able clergymen.

Bishop Barker's urgent appeal and the belief that in the broader field of the growing Western city there would be greater opportunities for usefulness, and that he could do more for God and his fellow men, influenced Mr. Evans to alter his mind and accept the call. He was also influenced by the fact that his health has not been good and the hope that a change might be beneficial.

Mr. Evans has been rector of Grace Church for five and a half years, and during all that time has worked most zealously to advance its spiritual and temporal interests. Measured by every standard his rectorate has been successful. He holds a very warm place in the hearts of all his parishoners, and there is not one of them who will not learn with regret of the termination of his connection with Grace Church.

Mr. Evans' departure from Middletown will be regretted by our citizens generally. His catholicity of spirit, his broad humanity, his real and unaffected goodness, his earnest christianity, his kindness and geniality and his life adorned with all the christian graces and virtues have won for him a very warm place in the hearts of the people of Middletown irrespective of church and creed. He has filled a large and useful place in our city's life and will be widely missed.

THREE PECULIAR FARMS.

Colonies of Religious Zealots, Armenians Under Salvation Care, and Socialists.

There are in Bergen county, N. J., three peculiar colony farms. One is called "The Lord's Farm" and is occupied by about a dozen religious enthusiasts or fanatics, who are popularly supposed to practice rites akin to voodooism and, who, although good farmers, are in bad repute in the neighborhood.

Another is the "Salvation Army Farm," intended as a haven for Armenian refugees, but only one woman and several children are there, which is not to be wondered at, for the average Armenian takes to trade and traffic rather than to agriculture.

The latest venture is an incorporated company, the "Free Initiative Colony," which leases a farm of 225 acres for experiments in Socialistic industry. A German, a Polander, two women and three children are now on the farm. It is proposed to make the farm in the summer a rendezvous for Socialistic leaders and to print there a paper in seven languages to spread abroad Socialistic theories.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Hoffman Lodge, F. and A. M., Chooses Officers for the Coming Year.

The annual meeting and election of officers of Hoffman Lodge, No. 412, F. and A. M., was held last evening, resulting as follows:

W. M.—Ira L. Case.
S. W.—J. E. Barnes.
J. W.—W. F. Seaman.
Treasurer—E. Millen.
Secretary—I. B. A. Taylor.
Trustee—S. M. Boyd.

The master-elect, Ira L. Case, announced that the installation ceremonies would be held Tuesday evening, Dec 29th. Brothers T. N. Little and George Farrington were made life members.

A Pleasant Surprise.

From the Port Jervis Union

Miss Ella Fisher, of Middletown, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Emmet Abers, of this village, formerly of Matamoras, was tendered a surprise on Saturday evening, at Mrs. Aber's residence, 116 Front street. A number of her young friends from Matamoras were also in attendance. Miss Ella was equal to the occasion and a very pleasant evening was spent. Her brother, Charles Fisher, who is attending the Elmira College, was one of the guests. A nice supper was prepared.

Erie Trains Late.

The storm, which was much more severe at New York than here, seriously interfered with the running of ferry boats and as a consequence Erie trains were late, this morning. Train 21 was twenty-five minutes late at this station.

Sure to Win.

The people recognize and appreciate real merit. That is why Hood's Sarsaparilla has the largest sales in the world. Merit in medicine means the power to cure. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures—absolutely, permanently cures. It is the One True Blood Purifier. Its superior merit is an established fact and merit wins.

Hood's Pills are easy to take, easy to operate. Cure indigestion, headache.

DEATH ENDS A SPREE.

Percy Middlebrook Comes to an Untimely End Under Distressing Circumstances.

An unusually sad death occurred at Florida, last night, as the result of a spree.

Three young men, Percy Middlebrook, son of Aaron Middlebrook, a retired resident of Florida village, and Frank Roe and Patrick Powers, who reside in the vicinity, were on a racket, last night. Just where they went is not clear, but they imbibed freely of strong drink, and at a late hour started to return to Florida. Young Middlebrook's companions discovered that he was in a comatose condition, but being badly intoxicated themselves, they supposed Middlebrook's stupor to be the result of drink, and paid no further attention to him until they arrived at his home, when, in attempting to arouse him, it was found that life was extinct. Both of Middlebrook's companions were too badly intoxicated to give an intelligent account of where they had been or what had occurred, but there is little doubt that the young man's untimely death was the direct result of his debauch.

Percy Middlebrook was twenty-one years of age, and an only child of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Middlebrook. His parents have been absent at Elizabeth, N. J., for several days, visiting relatives.

Coroner Decker has been notified, and will hold an inquest this afternoon.

DINNER TO JUDGE DYKMAN.

A Brilliant Gathering Honors the Retiring Judge—Mr. Vanamee One of the Speakers.

The Brooklyn Bar Association gave a dinner, Monday night, in honor of Judge Jackson O. Dykman, of the Supreme Court, who will retire from the bench on ~~Jan. 1st, because~~ he has reached the constitutional limit of age, seventy years. A very large number of prominent lawyers from all parts of this judicial district were present. Josiah T. Marean, president of the association, presided and acted as toast master. The speakers were Hon. Bourke Cochran, Frederick A. Ward, Almet F. Jenks and William Vanamee, who responded to the toast, "The Romance of the Judiciary," and made what many thought was the best speech of the evening.

O. and W.'s Christmas Excursion to New York.

On Monday, Dec. 21st, the O. and W. will sell excursion tickets to New York good on any train going during the day at $1.86 for round trip. Trains leave Middletown at 8:10 a. m., 4:30 and 8:10 p. m. Tickets will be good for return passage on any train or day up to and including Dec. 26th. The O. and W. desires to accommodate the public and give you a chance to spend Christmas with your city cousins. The Commercial Travelers' big fair will be in full blast next week at Madison Square Garden and the O. and W. excursion will give you a chance to take in all the sights of the metropolis. 17d4t.

The Port Jervis Electric Railroad Project.

George ~~McKibben, Vice~~ President of the Monticello Railroad Co., was in Port Jervis, yesterday, and made the statement that the electric road, for which he and his associates hold a franchise, will undoubtedly be built, next summer. He said nothing was done, last year, because capital could not be secured on favorable terms, but now that "confidence has been restored," the needed capital will be forthcoming. Other parties interested in the electric road will be in Port Jervis Friday.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Officers Elected, Monday Night, for the Coming Year.

The following persons have been chosen by the members of Epworth League of St. Paul's Church, as officers of the organization for the ensuing year.

A. M. Payne, president; F. M. Lendrum, first vice-president; Miss Lillian Gibbs, second vice-president, Mrs. A. T. Decker, third vice-president; Miss Ella Budd, fourth vice-president; T. M. Terwilliger, secretary; Richard Cochran, treasurer, Miss Ida Smith, organist.

For the Thirty-eighth Time.

Hon. Grinnell Burt has just been elected president and general manager of the Lehigh and Hudson River Railroad company for the thirty eight consecutive time.

Business Change.

Chas. W. Cox has resigned his position as brakeman on the O. and W. and has purchased a half interest in Williamson Bros.' meat market, corner of West Main and Union streets. The firm will hereafter be Williamson & Cox.

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INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN.

Dikeman Hose Co.'s Social—Bowling Contests—Taken to Albany Penitentiary—Elliotts' Anniversary—The Musical Tea—Mrs. Jackson's Last Reading—Personal Notes.

From Our Regular Correspondent

—The first monthly social of Dikeman Hose was held in the company's rooms, last evening. The following programme was carried out:

Music	Orchestra
Mandolin Selection ..	
Mandolin	Frank Larkin
Guitar	Pascal Ramires
Recitation—"The Red Jacket."	Miss McNevin.
Selections by Empire State Quartette	Charles Tiernay, Mr. Pierce, William Carroll, M. Doyle

Refreshments were then served, after which dancing was continued until the early hours of the morning. Too much credit cannot be given Miss McNevin for the excellence of her recitation. It drew rounds of applause from those present. The following committee was in charge: Frank Larkin, Charles Farrell, Henry Miller.

—At the G. S. A. A. alleys, last night, Capt. Gott's bowlers twice defeated Capt. Altman's team. The scores made on both sides were low. The next game will be rolled Tuesday night.

—Officer Van Leuven took three tramps to the Albany penitentiary, yesterday. They were sentenced to four months each.

—Elliott Hook and Ladder Co.'s anniversary reception will be given, Friday night.

—Collector H. H. Smith will soon commence to collect state, county and town taxes. He will sit at the Orange County Bank.

—Under the auspices of the ladies of St. James' Guild, a musical tea was given at the residence of Col. Alfred Neafie, yesterday afternoon and evening. The occasion was a pleasant one, and the attendance was good. The musical programme was under the direction of Mrs. W. H. Wyker, and the following local talent contributed their services: Mrs. Henry J. Yerg, Mrs. S. J. Casey, Mrs. A. C. Ireland, Mrs. H. C. Duryea, Mrs. Philip A. Power, Franck C. Hock, J. S. Coates and J. L. Duryea. Rev. George C. Betts gave several select readings. A vocal duet by Mrs. Yerg and Mr. F. C. Hock was especially praiseworthy. The proceeds were $55. The amount will be given as a Christmas present to the Chester mission.

—Miss Louise, daughter of Counselor C. W. Coleman, is quite seriously ill at her home on South street.

—John N. Hausen and wife have ~~returned~~ to Goshen from their bridal tour.

—The seventh and last reading by Mrs. Margaret Crawford Jackson, from her book, "Those People," will be given at the home of Mrs. Henry Bacon, at half-past two o'clock, Saturday afternoon.

The Marriage That Did Not Take Place

Frank Kempke thinks the ARGUS was a little hard on him yesterday. The young man admits that he thought it would be fun to fool his acquaintances by telling them of his marriage, but he insists that when he furnished an employe of the ARGUS with the information concerning the wedding that was published, he had no thought his yarn would appear in print. This explanation puts Mr. Kempke in a better light than he occupied, yesterday, for it relieves him of the appearance of seeking to parade the young woman's name in print in connection with his own, and this being the case, he did not merit the harsh reference made to him in the article published yesterday. As for the young woman she is, of course, entirely blameless in the whole affair.

Stole the Regents' Examination Papers

At White Plains the examination papers sent out by the State Board of Regents were stolen by two boys who desired to pass high. The State Board now declines to send any more papers to the town until arrangements have been made for the preservation of the documents.

A Few Good Seats Left.

A few good seats remain unchecked for the Mikado, at H. S. Dusenberry & Son's jewelry store. The advance sale is one of the largest known in the history of the present Casino.

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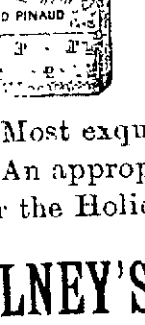

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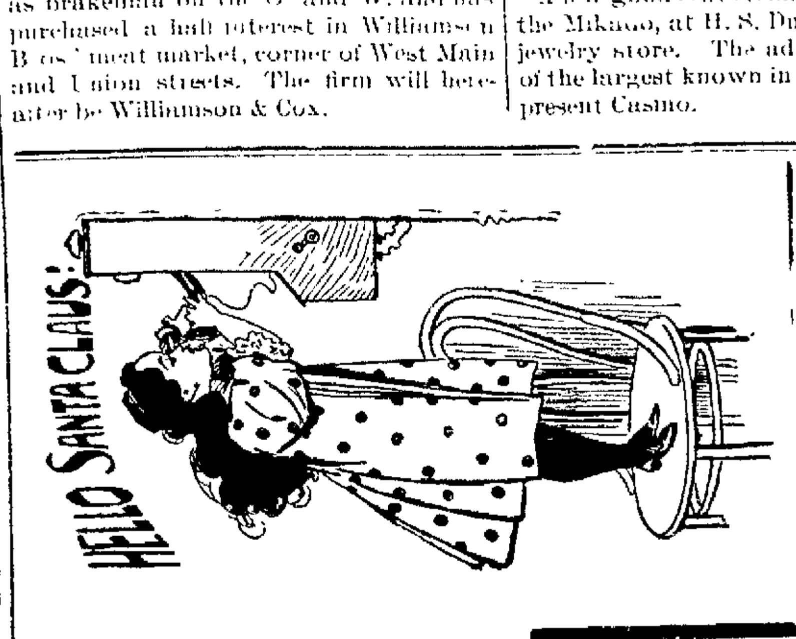

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

—Three copies of the Bible, written on leaves of the fan palm, are in the British museum.

—A codfish recently caught off Flamborough Head, England, had inside of it 59 fish hooks.

—A floating island in the Sabine river, 50 acres in extent, and covered with water hyacinths, floated for a week up and down the stream, near Orange, Tex.

—Two mischievous boys in Haskell, Me., touched a match to a squirrel's tail to see if it would burn. The animal ran under a house, and the blazing tail set it on fire.

—Some regard for decency is displayed by the proprietor of a restaurant in Asburn, Ore. A sign on the wall reads thus: "Gentlemen are requested not to swear when ladies are present."

—The servant girls in Decatur, Ill., have formed a union to regulate wages. One of the laws is that when a girl is employed in a family which is increased by the addition of a "little stranger," the wages of the servant must be advanced one dollar a month.

—The four great tunnels of the world are cited as an illustration of the marked diminution of the cost of engineering works during the past quarter of a century. The Hoosac tunnel, the oldest of the four, cost $500 a foot; the Mount Cenis, the next in date, $475; the St. Gothard, $365; and the Arlberg, the most recent, only $200.

—Superintendent Hubbard, of the Clackamas hatchery at Oregon City, Ore., is to send to Washington specimens of young salmon which have died in large numbers at the hatchery of a strange disease, the only manifestation of which is a white spot on the fish's belly. Half the 2,000,000 fishes brought from the Salmon river have been killed by it.

—The making of artificial ears seems to have reached scientific perfection within the last decade. Made of a specially prepared rubber, flesh-colored in the rough, they are painted by hand in exact imitation of the remaining ear of the unfortunate customer, and as carefully "touched" and marked over as an artist's picture. The maker gets $100 apiece for them.

EDIBLES FROM REFUSE.

Scarcely Anything Is Wasted in France.

All visitors to Paris rave about the delicacy of the food and daintiness of the service. They do not know some of the ways followed by restaurants and chefs. At the lower class of Paris restaurants a very ingenious fraud has been in practice for half a century. They make beef tea or bouillon without beef—warm water colored and flavored with burned onions and caramel as bouillon. To supply the little grease bubbles which connoisseurs demand was the only trouble. Finally a cook hit upon the ingenious device of blowing a spoonful of fresh oil over the soup. The oil immediately forms in tiny beads on the surface and there is your soup. Nowadays every cafe of this sort has its employe aux yeux de bouillon, whose sole duty is to make the little eyes or bubbles of grease on the soup.

Parisians of a certain class are immensely fond of ham, so much so that the number of hams eaten in Paris could not be furnished by all the pigs killed in France, even allowing for the shoulder as well as the leg being cured—this being the French practice. The demand is supplied by buying up old ham bones and ingeniously inserting them into pieces of pickled pork, which are trimmed into shape, covered with grated bread crusts and then sold for ham. In this way a bone does duty for hundreds of times. Still, the supply of bones was limited, and it was not inconvenient to be put out if one's neighbor did not return the ham bone which the dealer relied upon securing the day before to recover for you. So a man conceived the idea of manufacturing ham bones wholesale, and made a fortune from the sale of these artificial foundations. Nowadays, therefore, ham is plentiful in Paris.—Boston Herald.

A FROG HUNTING DOG.

The Queer Work Performed by an Irish Setter.

"Talk about your dog stories," said a prominent sporting man the other day. "I saw something out at Cutoff lake which beat anything I ever heard of. I was out there hunting snipe and saw a man riding around on horseback and in front of him was circling an Irish setter. As the fellow did not have any gun, my curiosity was aroused to know what he was doing, but I supposed he was simply breaking his dog. In a few minutes I saw him ride up to where the dog was on a dead stand and the horseman proceeded to jab a pole he was carrying down into the ground and, bringing it up, took something off the end of it. My curiosity was greater than ever, and circling around I came up with the horseman and asked him what he was doing.

"'Hunting frogs,' was the reply.

"'What is the dog doing?' said I.

"'Hunting frogs,' was the laconic answer.

"'You don't mean to tell me that the dog will set the frogs, do you?'

"'I don't mean anything else.'

"A few more questions and answers brought out the fact that the dog had seen his master hunting around in the grass for frogs and spearing them and had of his own accord taken up the task of locating the green beauties. He was a thoroughly trained hunter on birds and he soon became very expert in locating frogs, so his owner informed me, and my observations of his movements confirmed the man's statements."—Omaha Bee.

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In pursuance of an interlocutory judgment, directing the sale of the premises hereinafter described, made in the above entitled action, bearing date the 4th day of December, one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-six, and duly entered in the Orange County Clerk's office, I, the undersigned, the referee in said judgment named will sell at public auction, at the Russell House, a public hotel on James street, in the city of Middletown, Orange county, N. Y. on the 30th day of December, 1896 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, the premises described in said judgment as follows, to wit.

All that tract or parcel of land, situate in the city of Middletown, Orange county, and State of New York, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point 125 feet distant from the westerly line of Cottage street, and on a course of north 60 degrees 38 minutes west from said point, which point is distant 250 9-10 feet from the north corner of Wisner avenue, and runs from thence on a course of north 29 degrees 22 minutes east 35 feet; thence north 60 degrees 38 minutes west 125 feet to the line of a proposed street to be called Groo street; thence along the line of said proposed street south 29 degrees and 22 minutes west 31 feet; thence south 60 degrees and 38 minutes east 125 feet to the place of beginning; together with the right of way to and from said premises as stated in a deed from P. H. McShane and wife to Richard Sheerin, dated Oct. 9th, 1890, and recorded November 13th, 1890, in Orange County Clerk's office. Said lands above described being the land upon which is now built a new house about 30 feet by 60 feet, and being also the lands described in a deed from Richard Sheerin and wife to Ann Hoey, dated April 19th, 1892, and recorded in Orange County Clerk's office, in book of deeds 300, at page 184, April 19th, 1892.

Also all that tract or parcel of land situate in the city of Middletown, Orange county, New York, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stake in the line of lands of John Redfield 50 feet northwest from the north corner of lot number 16 on James B. Bell's map made by W. W. Reeve, and dated March, 1868; and runs from thence south 46 and ½ degrees west 185 feet parallel with and 50 feet from the northwest line of a street, thence north 43 and ½ degrees west 6 chains and 81 links to a stake in the wall, thence south 48¾ degrees west 3 chains 85 links to the angle of two stone walls; thence along one of said walls and further north 44 degrees west 9 chains 83 links to the middle of the main ditch in the swamp; thence up the middle of said ditch north 70 degrees east 7 chains 30 links to a stake in the line of said Redfield's lands; thence along his land south 43½ degrees east 6 chains and 78 links to a stake; thence south 45 degrees east 6 chains and 71 links to the place of beginning, containing 7 22-100 acres of land, be the same more or less, excepting and reserving out and from the said described premises all those lots and pieces of land described in certain deeds from Patrick Ward and wife as follows: One to one Many, one to Charles J. Thayer, one to John F. Brodner, and one to S. S. Conkling as will more fully appear from the record of said deeds in the Clerk's office of Orange county, to which reference is here made for greater certainty, being the same premises described in a deed from Richard Sheerin and wife to Ann Hoey, dated April 19th, 1892, and recorded in Orange county records for deeds in book 300 of deeds at page 182, April 19th, 1892.

Dated Middletown, N. Y., Dec. 7th, 1896.

JOHN C. R. TAYLOR, Referee.

M. J. DONOVAN, Plaintiff's Attorney, Rooms 11 and 12, Low Building, Middletown, N. Y.

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IN Pursuance of an order of Hon. John J. Beattie, County Judge of Orange county, N. Y., on the 19th day of November, 1896, notice is hereby given to all creditors and persons having claims against James E. Brazee, lately doing business in the city of Middletown, N. Y., that they are required to present the same, with the proper vouchers therefor, duly verified, to the subscriber, who has been duly appointed assignee of the said James E. Brazee for the benefit of creditors, at his office, Empire Block, in the city of Middletown, N. Y., on or before the sixth day of February, 1897.

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AN ARCTIC TRAGEDY.

Punishment for Child Murder Meted Out to a Brutal Esquimau.

The whaling steamer Belvidere, which arrived recently from the frozen Arctic, brought a story of tragedy among the savage Eskimos.

Last winter, while the vessel was frozen in the ice near Herschel island, a native who was known to the crew of the whaler as Pizer was engaged to hunt on the mainland of Alaska for deer for fresh meat for the crew. He was a good hunter, but, unlike most of the natives, he had a fierce and fiery temper. Shortly after he had been engaged as a hunter for the vessel's crew he built a snow hut on the land only about two miles from the vessel. There he moved his family, and not long after a child was born to him.

The child was nearly three months old when Pizer returned, unsuccessful, from a long hunting trip in the interior. Not a deer had fallen to his rifle, and he went home brooding over his ill-luck. In his savage nature he felt that the child that had been recently added to his household had, when it came into the world, brought with it a curse on his prosperity. To it he laid all the blame for his having returned from a chase empty-handed. In his rage he seized the child by the feet and, swinging it about his head with all the brute strength at his command, dashed it down upon the sharp points of an ice-covered rock. The little one's brains were dashed over the snow surrounding his rude home, and, taking the body, he threw it to his pack of fierce sled dogs. They soon tore it to pieces. After the act he calmly walked back to the vessel and informed the officers that the ill-omen that hung over his head had been removed, and that he would be more successful in future hunts.

Missionary Whittaker, who was aboard the whaler at the time, had the man held on board the ship while he investigated his story. Pizer's fellow natives detested him for his cruelty. Whittaker, who had devoted his life to the welfare of the Eskimos of the more northern region, had been greatly troubled by his quarrelsome spirit, and as an example to the others of his savage flock he felt that the murderer must be punished.

Pizer was led to a stake in the center of the native village, near the whaling station. His back was bared and he was triced up to the stake. The missionary took a stout cat-o'-nine-tails and gave the murderer 60 lashes across the bare back with all the power he could command. When he had finished he handed the lash to Mate E. L. West, of the Belvedere, and the muscular mate followed the missionary's example, while the crew of the whaler and the natives looked on and counted the lashes.

When the mate had finished with his 60 lashes the murderer was howling pitifully for mercy. He was faint from pain and loss of blood, and when he was let loose he staggered about, spurned by all his fellow villagers. He was ordered to leave the neighborhood and never return. Death would be his lot if he was ever seen about the settlement again. He was allowed to take his rifle and a supply of ammunition as well as a sled load of provisions and supplies, on which to start life anew in the far interior.

He was given until the following night to prepare for his journey. As he left the village for his hut he took an oath that he would kill the first white man he came across after he left the village lines as revenge for the punishment he had received at the hands of the missionary and the whaler's mate.—San Francisco Examiner.

SOME GOOD IN TATTOOING.

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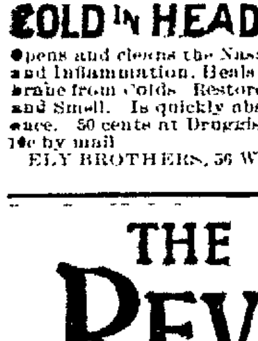

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[L. S.] In testimony, whereof, I have hereunto caused the seal of the said County Court of the county of Orange, State of New York to be hereunto affixed. Witness, Hon. John J. Beattie, County Judge of said county this 2d day of November, 1896.

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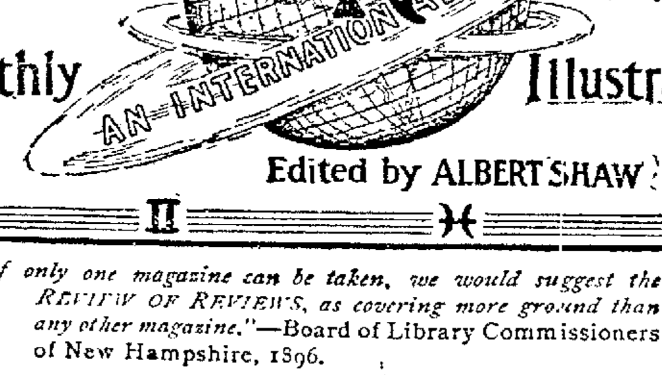

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Native—Yes.

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She (Dakota belle, expatiating on her travels)—Yes, everything is so quaint.

He—How did the cathedral of Cologne impress you?

She—Oh, of course, that was too sweet for anything.—Bay City Chat.

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Husband (to wife)—I cannot conceive what is the matter with my watch; I think it must want cleaning.

Spoilt Child (breaking in)—Oh, father, I don't think it needs cleaning. Baby and I had it washing in the basin for ever so long this morning.—Tit-Bits.

Too Much to Ask at the Start.

She—Now that we are engaged, dear I shall expect you to kiss mother when you see her.

"Do you think that is fair?"

"What is?"

"To test my love so soon?"—N. Y. World.

Shocking Ignorance.

"Pa, who was Shylock?"

Paterfamilias (with a look of surprise and horror) — Great goodness boy, you attend church and Sunday school every week and don't know who Shylock was? Go and read your Bible sir.—N. Y. Tribune.

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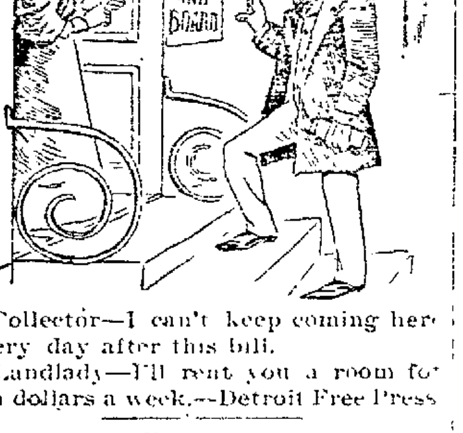

Collector—I can't keep coming here every day after this bill.

Landlady—I'll rent you a room for ten dollars a week.—Detroit Free Press

No Reason.

When you ask a fowl what season
Does his fancy most engage,
Though a wise bird, 'tis no reason
That his answer should be "sage."
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She—Do you get on better with your wife nowadays?

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23—[illegible]
24—West Main street and W[illegible] avenue.
25—North street, corner W[illegible] avenue.
26—James and Henry street.
27—North and John streets, [illegible] crossing.
28—Lake avenue and [illegible]
29—W. Main street, corner Monhagen avenue.
213—State Hospital
214—Prospect [illegible] and Highland avenue.
215—[illegible] of State Hospital.
34—Fulton and Mulberry [illegible] hat shop.
35—[illegible]
36—Canal street [illegible] condensery.
37—[illegible] and Fulton streets.
38—Fairview avenue and South street.
41—Fulton street and East avenue.
42—[illegible] avenue and Houston avenue.
43—East Main street and [illegible] avenue.
45—[illegible] Main street, foot of Orchard street.
46—Academy avenue and [illegible] street.
47—Myrtle and Prospect avenue.
48—Grant street and Sprague avenues.
49—East Main street and Prospect avenue.
54—North street, near Orchard.
57—Franklin Square.
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STATIONS.	Milk	1 * Ont'l Exp	7 Sullivan Co Exp	*
N. Y. Leave	A M	A M	P M	P M
Franklin St	3 2	7 45	3 0	[illegible]
W. 42d St.	3 3	7 5	3 1	4 30
Weehawken	4 0	8 10	3 6	4 4
Cornwall	6 10	9 45	5	6 0
W Cornwall	6 22	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Orr's Mills	6 2	9 55	[illegible]	
Little Brit'n	[illegible]	10 10	5 23	
Burnside	6 50	10 18	5 34	
Campbell H	7 05	10 22	5 40	6 30
Stony Ford	7 15	10 2	5 44	
M'town Main St.	7 38	10 43	5 5	
M'town ar	7 40	10 45	[illegible]	6 46
M'town lv	8 45	[illegible]	[illegible]	6 56
Winterton	9	11 9	6	
Bloom'gb'gh	9 1	11 1	6	
Wurtsboro	9 25	11 1	6	
Summitville	9	11 20	6 45	
Ellenville ar	10 0	11 50	7 05	
Fallsburgh	[illegible]	12 05	7 2	
Hurleyville	10 53	12 12	7 27	
Liberty Falls	11 15	12 22	7 38	
Liberty	11 30	12 29	7 41	8 07
Parksville	11 45	12 40		
L'v'gst'n M'r	12 00	[illegible]	8 05	8 30
Rockland	12 1	[illegible]	8 2	
Hancock Jct	1 20	2 0	[illegible]	9 19
Walton	2 15	2 45	12 35	9 53
Sidney Cent'r		3 8	2 0	
Sidney		[illegible]	4 20	[illegible]
Norwich ar		4 5	[illegible]	[illegible]
Norwich lv		4 35	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oneida Castle		6 05		
Oneida ar		6 10		[illegible]
Oneida lv		6 15		
Fulton		7 57		[illegible]
Oswego ar		8 2		[illegible]
		P M		A M

SOUTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	6 * New York Exp	12 *	14 Delhi Ex	50 Local	2 Day Exp
	P M	P M		A M	A M
Oswego lv	12 35			[illegible]	6 45
Oneida ar				12 22	8 46
Oneida lv	2 11			1 19	8 50
Oneid' Castl'			P M	1 15	8 58
Norwich ar	3 24		7 36	6 15	10 37
Norwich lv	3 20		7 41	P M	10 42
Sidney	4 20		8 45		11 40
Sid'y Cent'r			9 03		11 57
Walton	5 0	12 15	9 38		12 37
Hancock Jct	5 38	1 30	[illegible]		1 20
Rockland		2 35	6 00		2 10
L'v'gst'n M'r	6 27	3 00	6 14		2 25
Parksville		3 6	6 25		2 37
Liberty	6 48	3 35	6 36		2 51
Liberty F'lls		3 41	6 41		n2 56
Hurleyville		4 01	6 50		3 06
Fallsburgh	n7 06	4 19	6 57		3 11
Centreville		4 40	7 04		n3 20
Mount'n D.		4 59	7 10		n3 25
Summitville		5 15	7 26		3 45
Wurtsboro		5 23	7 33		[illegible]
Bloom'g'bgh		5 2	[illegible]		3 57
Winterton		5 40	7 48		n4 2
M'town ar	8 00	6 15	8 00		4 23
M'town lv	8 10	6 40	8 10		4 30
M'town Main St.		6 48	8 2		4 32
Stony Ford		7 5	[illegible]		4 46
Campbell H.		7 3	8 21		4 53
Burnside		7 8	[illegible]		[illegible]
Little Brit'n		7 59	[illegible]		5 08
Orr's Mills		8 15	[illegible]		5 19
W Cornwall		8 20	[illegible]		5 21
Cornwall	8 53	8 3	9 0		5 28
Weehawken	10 0	11 00	10 30		7 00
New York W. 42d St.	10 30	11 15	10 40		7 10
N. Y. Fklin St ar	10 45	11 30	10 55		7 25
	P M	P M	A M		P M

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New York	8 30	......	4 10
Jersey City	8 46	......	4 25
Hackensack	9 14	......	4 50
Paterson (Broadway)	9 26	......	5 02
Paterson	9 29		5 04
Two Bridges	10 55	3 00	6 32
Ogdensburg	11 07	3 16	6 42
Franklin	11 12	3 26	6 47
Hamburg	11 20	3 36	6 55
Deckertown	11 28	3 52	7 03
Quarryville	11 36	4 04	7 10
Unionville	11 44	4 15	7 18
Westtown	11 49	4 25	7 24
Johnson	11 55	4 38	7 29
Slate Hill	12 00	4 57	7 34
Middletown	12 12	5 10	7 45

SOUTH.

	Daily ex Sun a m a m	Daily ex Sun a m p m	Daily p m p m
Middletown	6 30	7 12	4 45
Slate Hill	6 42	7 27	4 57
Johnson	6 48	7 35	5 03
Westtown	6 53	7 43	5 09
Unionville	6 59	7 55	6 16
Quarryville	7 06	8 07	5 25
Deckertown	7 14	8 30	5 33
Hamburg	7 22	8 46	5 42
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Ogdensburg	7 34	9 06	5 54
Two Bridges	7 51	9 32	6 10
Paterson	9 03	......	7 30
Paterson (Broadway)	9 05	10 36	7 33
Hackensack	9 16	10 47	7 46
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THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

THE ANNUAL SESSION OF ORANGE COUNTY'S SUPERVISORS.

The County Road Resolution Discussed at Length—Supervisors All Want Good Roads, But Hope to Get Them "in the Good Old Way"—A Dream of State Aid—The Resolution Lost by a Vote of 12 to 18—To Visit the County House.

Blooming Grove	Joseph E. Board
Chester	G. W. Fredericks
Cornwall	CHARLES KETCHAM
Crawford	SAM'L. D. ROBERSON
Deerpark	Thomas J. Quick
Goshen	J. E. Wells
Greenville	SAMUEL V. JONES
Hamptonburgh	Chas. B. Howell
Highlands	Louis F. Goodsell
Middletown—	
First Ward	James E. Brazee
Second Ward	Chas. J. Boyd
Third Ward	John E. Iseman
Fourth Ward	Nelson W. Wood
Minisink	RICHARD S. TUTHILL
Monroe	Joseph Rake
Montgomery	I. H. Loughran
Mount Hope	Chas. W. Loomis
Newburgh City—	
First Ward	John M. Wilson
Second Ward	Henry B. Lawson
Third Ward	Geo. Moshier
Fourth Ward	HUGH MCKISSOCK
Fifth Ward	Jonathan Taylor
Sixth Ward	J. J. E. Harrison
Newburgh Town	Wm. H. Post
New Windsor	GEO. DEBENHAM
Tuxedo	Mahlon J. Brooks
Wallkill	H. D. Thompson
Warwick	IRA S. SMITH
Wawayanda	JOHN I. BRADLEY
Woodbury	John A. Patterson

GOSHEN, Dec. 15.—There was a full Board present, this morning, and the members at once began to discuss Mr. Ketcham's resolution on good roads, as it has become known.

It will be remembered that a large delegation of the citizens of Orange county took part in the discussion for and against the resolution. Well, to-day the members of the Board took a hand at it, and as on every question of importance there proved to be as big a difference of opinion in the Board in regard to the matter as there was on the outside.

Mr. Roberson asked for a division of the question, and that the Board first discuss the question of the adoption of the county road system. This was granted.

Mr. Wells requested that the law on the subject as it now exists be read. Mr. Ketcham read the law. The only point in the law of importance relating to the matter, which was afterwards discussed, was that portion of it which makes it necessary for all towns in the county through which the county road does not pass to go under the money system of road working.

Mr. Roberson then arose and stated that he was in favor of having good roads. But that he did not want his town, which was not under the money system, to adopt that system unless his constituents were given a chance to be heard in the matter and make the choice themselves. Personally he was in favor of the money system of working roads, but the fact that the adoption of this resolution would compel all towns to work their roads under that system was sufficient to make him oppose this resolution at this time.

Mr. Loughran, of Montgomery, said:

MR. CHAIRMAN:—I can only reiterate what has already been said by nearly every speaker who appeared before this Board, yesterday afternoon, and that is that I am in favor of good roads. But I believe that the State will take some action in this matter, this winter, and the fact that they are about to take such action is in itself sufficient to prevent me, to a certain extent, from supporting this measure and voting an additional expense upon the taxpayers of this county. I believe the State has, or should have, as much interest in good roads as Orange county has. I believe in good roads, but don't believe in forcing upon any town the method they shall adopt to keep their own roads in good repair. I believe the talk and discussion we had yesterday will do a great deal of good toward the improvement of roads in the future.

Mr. Quick, of Deerpark, said he was not in favor of the roads of a certain section of the county being improved at the expense of other sections. Deerpark has good roads, and has submitted to heavy taxation in order to secure them, and to ask the town to pay for improvements in other towns was asking too much. There are no finer roads anywhere than the Otisville and Greenville pikes, both leading to [illegible]. The credit of the towns and the finances of the county did not warrant an increase in taxation. This is [illegible]. He did not know but there might be politics in it. In conclusion Mr. Quick said: "My people are already taxed to the utmost limit. I speak for the town of Deerpark which at the present time is laboring under one of the most unjust and iniquitous resolutions ever passed by a Board of Supervisors. I refer to the [illegible] of our county and town poor.

"Why is it that Deerpark is ignored in this movement? Is it because the mountains intervening obscure her from the view of the lower end of the county? She certainly is entitled to the same recognition as accorded her sister towns; her full share of all benefits derived from any movement to improve, consistent to the welfare of this county, by this Board."

Mr. Tuthill was then recognized. He said that he represented the town of Minisink, where the tax rate was already two per cent. We don't feel like spending the money now. We want good roads, but just at this time cannot afford to pay for them. Let us wait until we can afford to pay for them.

Mr. Patterson said he favored good roads, but did not think he could support this measure as it now is. He favored the system mentioned by Mr. Loughran, and spoke extensively on the subject of good roads in Jersey, and told how they were obtained.

Mr. Iseman was in favor of the measure. He thought Mr. Loughran's idea a trifle obscure and hinted that it would be many years before the result desired would be obtained from State aid. He said he had been amused to hear every speaker yesterday say they favored good roads, and then argue against them. Talk, he claimed, would not make the roads good. There is always opposition to any great improvement, and if we wait until all agree we will never get good roads. The State Legislature will kill bills in committee. We should begin the work at once. This resolution is a step in the right direction.

Mr. Bradley said he believed the secret of good roads lies in the money system. If we adopt the county system and designate a road from Newburgh to Middletown and from Newburgh to Tuxedo, we shall put sixty miles of road in the absolute charge of the county. This will take it out of the control of the towns. Five thousand dollars is nothing comparatively to work this amount of road with and after the engineer gets his share of it it means that the road will not be worked this year and perhaps next year. The road will then be in worse condition than it is now. We had better stop to consider. It will take $25,000 to work this amount of road properly this year. I do not feel that it is wise to support this measure now.

Mr. Smith, of Warwick, spoke of the condition of roads in his town and told how they were worked, and made the statement that Warwick has the best roads in Orange county. This makes five towns that have the best roads in Orange county. Mr. Smith spoke of the heavy taxes assessed for the improvement of Warwick's roads and believed it better to allow the people and not the Supervisors to say what way their roads shall be worked. He was opposed to the adoption of this resolution.

Messrs. Brooks, Ketcham, Thompson, Post, Debenham and others spoke on the question, and a recess was taken until after dinner.

Mr. Boyd said before this discussion he had been ready to vote for the resolution, but he believed in view of the facts brought out it would be wise to further consider the matter and suggested that it be laid on the table. This suggestion was not adopted.

A final vote was taken on the matter and it was lost, the vote being twelve in favor of the resolution and eighteen opposed to it. Those voting in favor of it were Messrs. Boyd, Brazee, Debenham, Harrison, Iseman, Ketcham, Lawson, McKissock, Thompson, Wells, Wood and the Chair. Against were Board, Bradley, Brooks, Fredericks, Howell, Jones, Loomis, Loughran, Moshier, Patterson, Post, Quick, Rake, Roberson, Smith, Taylor, Tuthill and Wilson.

The committee on finance and treasurer's accounts made a report and the report was adopted.

The committee on printers and printing made a report and the bills reported correct were audited. A number of others for which there were no vouchers were rejected. The printing amounts to a trifle over $18,000.

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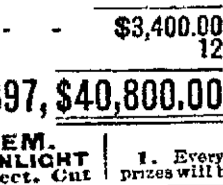

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The 24th Separate Company band gave a half-hour's concert, which was most enjoyable. Dancing followed, music being furnished by the 24th orchestra. It was a late hour when the dancers departed for their homes.

FOND OF DANCING.

A Young Woman Who Didn't Allow Arrest to Interfere With Her Fun.

A Fishkill young woman was taken from a ball room on Friday night by a police officer and brought face to face with Fred Atkins, a dry goods dealer, who claimed the silk waist she had on was a stolen one. The girl admitted it. She said her sister stole it, also other goods. After the matter was settled for $20 the girl returned to the ball and danced until morning.

A Wheel Smashed by Trolley Tracks.

A young man driving a wagon loaded with salt, for Campbell's south side store, attempted to get off the trolley track, opposite Grace Church, yesterday afternoon, and demolished a wheel.

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AN OLD LITIGANT'S ADMISSION.

Had More Trouble With His Own Lawyer Than With Those of His Opponents.

From our Up-Midland Correspondent.

The late Colonel Thomas Johnston at the time of his death a resident of Colchester, Delaware county, but for the greater portion of his life of Sullivan county, had probably more litigation in his lifetime than falls to the lot of half a dozen ordinary mortals. He at one time employed the late T. A. Read, of Middletown, as counsel, and ever afterward, in relating his experience in his many different law suits, always wound up with, "And to tell you the honest truth, gentlemen, I have had more trouble with my own counsel at times than I ever had with those on the other side."

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At the civil service examinations in Albany, three weeks ago for positions in the state department of agriculture, twelve applicants passed and eighty-six failed for milk experts. F. C. Slaughter, of Campbell Hall, was one of the successful applicants.

LOGTOWN.

Two Funerals—Going to Newark—Personal Notes.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—The funeral of Chas. Doty, of Logtown, was held from the church at Mt. Salem, on Sunday morning, and was largely attended.

—The funeral services of J. B. Chardavoyne were held on Wednesday morning, at 10 o'clock, from the house, and 11 o'clock from the Presbyterian Church, at Unionville.

—George Carpenter, of Port Jervis, visited his uncle, John Buckbee, Sunday.

—Mrs. Caroline Carpenter and granddaughter, accompanied by Mrs. Carpenter's sister, Miss Jennie Buckbee, returned to New York city on the early train, Wednesday.

—Arthur Decker is confined to the house with a severe cold.

—Jesse Simpson will go to Newark, this week, to make it his future home.

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J. W. MILLER, Auctioneer, will sell at public auction for the undersigned, at his farm, known as the John Borland farm, at Mount Hope, on road leading to White Bridge, on Wednesday, Dec. 23d, at 10 o'clock a. m. sharp, all his live stock, farming utensils, etc. See large bills. w15,18 P. W. MOORE.

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1td&w CRAWFORD'S, 15 West Main street.

EXTRACTING with gas 50c., odontunder 50c. No charge for extracting when artificial teeth are to be inserted. Best teeth $6, $8 and $10 a set. Twenty years' experience.
99d&wtf DR. ROBINSON, 44 and 46 James St.

FARM FOR SALE—Eighty acres of choice land, ten miles east of DesMoines, Iowa, with good seven-room house and outbuildings, two good wells, a young orchard. Parties want to go west. For further information enquire of
95d2mJan19 W. W. PRESTON, Clarkson, Iowa.

PIPES, PIPES, PIPES.

I will offer this week, at my store, pipes at a great reduction. Now is the time to buy. Don't fail to come in and examine my stock, as I have the largest assortment to select from in the city.
Electric Cigar Store, No. 12 North street, Middletown.
42d&w1yMy20 N. D. MILLS, Prop.

HEADQUARTERS for Weather Strips at No. Railroad avenue. Put them on now and keep warm. CHAS. Z. TAYLOR.

THE second session of THE MISSES PORTER'S English and Classical Boarding and Day School opens Jan. 6, 1897. Kindergarten, Primary, Academic and College Preparation, Specialists in Elocution, Languages, Music and Art. Corner Highland avenue and Prospect street, Middletown. 66dtf

BREAD Winner Cook Stove, size 8, first-class condition, and good baker; Skates and Fur Caps cheap at the
EXCHANGE AND MART CO., No. 46 East Main street.

TANSY, Pennyroyal and Cotton Root Pills. Prompt, safe and reliable—woman's friend. Agency at the Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North St.
J. J. CHAMBERS, Prop.

YOU cannot walk on the points of nails with comfort under any circumstances. To have your fine shoes "SOLED" with the nailing process is summer madness. CRAIG, the shoemaker's new method dispenses with nailing.
22 WEST MAIN STREET.

DR. C. THIMME, Dentist over J. B. Swalm's grocery store, No. 12 East Main street. dtf

M. C. FREER has opened a painting and paper hanging business at 83 Wisner avenue. All work guaranteed to be satisfactory. Prices very reasonable.
54d1yFeb6 M. C. FREER.

CHAMBERS, the druggist, guarantees Wild Cherry Cough Cure to cure or money will be refunded. Largest package on the market. Price 25 cents. Get it at the Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street.
J. J. CHAMBERS, Prop.

CLEAR THE WAY.

The south, east and west have had their day, now give the north a chance. Central Park, with the electric road, large square, and broad, long streets, is attracting many buyers. Having sold thirty lots since election, and in order to keep the enterprise and rapid growth in motion, I will offer

100 Building Lots at Reduced Prices for Thirty Days,

either for cash or installment plan. Church, school and manufacturing sites given away. It is plainly to be seen the business of the city is rapidly advancing northward, where there are beautiful grounds, good water, best of sewerage, and level route to centre of city. First come, first served. Sales and information given by real estate agents of the city or D. R. MILLER.
17d2t 230 North street, Middletown

NEW GOODS.

Jordan Shelled Almonds for Salting.

New Maple Sugar, Fancy Print Butter, Extra large Prunes, fancy layer Raisins, kiln dried Sweet Potatoes, splendid Celery every morning, the new cereal Cream of Wheat, choice Bloater Mackerel, crystalized Figs and Apricots, colored Wax Candles, 5 lb. boxes Cluster Raisins, etc.

CITY GROCERS.

Bull & Youngblood,
56 North St., Opp. Postoffice.
TELEPHONE CALL No. 55

4.75 a Barrel FOR Best Patent Flour TILL DEC. 19, '96

SLOAT'S Cash Store.

GREAT HOLIDAY SALE!

A Great Opportunity to Select Presents at the Lowest Imaginable Prices.

An assortment of 1,000 picture frames in Leatherette and White Metal from 15c up; 50 styles of Pocketbooks 12c up; plush and celluoid work boxes, handkerchief cases, smokers' sets, tie, glove and jewel cases from 25c up. Kid gloves, umbrellas, handkerchiefs and many other articles too numerous to mention. Come and see us. Reliable and up-to-date.

JACOBY'S NEW YORK STORE,
63 North Street, Next to Postoffice, Middletown, N. Y.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS!

Of Every Description. Let Us Name a Few Appropriate Gifts.

Gloves of every kind, Silk Handkerchiefs, with and without initials; Linen Handkerchiefs, Silk Mufflers, Hats and Caps, Neckwear of every style, Umbrellas, Knit Jackets and Jersey Coats. We show an elegant line of Silk Suspenders. Plain Satin Suspenders for embroidery. Any kind of Clothing will make a very useful present. Come early and get the benefit of the large selection. Our prices are positively the lowest.

Budwig & Co.
8 NORTH ST
MIDDLETOWN, N.Y.

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One of Two Things Has Happened.

Either free silver is an accomplished fact or else the majority of Christmas shoppers have been told of our unusually low prices on Christmas Goods.

We are led to believe the latter is true from what our friends tell us.

Already we see a repetition of the past two holiday seasons in the anxious but well pleased crowds that are not only looking but buying.

The atmosphere is infectious. We urge your early selections as our store room is limited.

ECONOMY — STORE
114 NORTH ST.

CHRISTMAS IS NEAR AT HAND.

Everybody Needs Something. We will make a

Grand Clearing Sale in All Departments

In time to benefit everyone wishing to purchase some USEFUL PRESENTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS. If you are in need of anything in

Millinery, Capes or Jackets!

you will not be disappointed by looking at our goods, as we will give you prices to make them GO
M. KATZINGER'S

NEW IDEA

Corner North and West Main Streets.

SNOW, BEAUTIFUL SNOW!

And a beautiful Grain Leather Dress Suit Case, 22 inch, for $2.25; 24 inch for $2.50 can be found at MATTHEWS & CO.'S. This is a snap of all snaps, besides they have the grandest collection of Bags in all Middletown at the

CARPET BAG FACTORY,
NORTH AND ROBERTS STREETS, MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

We are showing the finest line of Perfumes, Cut Glass Bottles, Atomizers and Fine Toilet Goods we have ever had. An inspection is invited at either store.

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